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In the Contents, page one, page numbers of series containing seasonally adjusted indicators are marked with asterisks.

Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* 1976 issued by the ABS in August 1976, which contains original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form for one hundred and eleven selected series. The seasonally adjusted indicators included therein are up-dated in relevant monthly and quarterly publications of the ABS.

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POPULATION AND VITAL

30 June	POPULATION (^{'000} persons)								
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1972	4,738.9	3,593.0	1,913.9	1,202.6	1,072.6	393.5	98.8	158.5	13,171.7
1973	4,787.4	3,640.1	1,973.4	1,218.1	1,091.1	396.6	103.1	169.5	13,379.3
1974	4,835.4	3,684.5	2,036.8	1,236.3	1,118.2	400.0	106.7	180.4	13,598.4
1975	4,882.5	3,723.0	2,079.4	1,252.2	1,147.1	405.0	90.5	191.4	13,771.0
1976 (a)	4,914.3	3,746.0	2,111.7	1,261.6	1,169.8	407.4	101.4	203.3	13,915.5

(a) Population at census date. Population enumerated at Census 30 June 1976 after adjustment for under-enumeration as revealed by final results of a special survey.

30 June	MEAN POPULATION (^{'000} persons)								
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia
1972	4,708.7	3,566.7	1,885.5	1,194.9	1,060.1	393.1	95.9	151.5	13,056.5
1973	4,764.3	3,617.0	1,945.0	1,210.1	1,081.9	395.1	100.9	163.8	13,278.0
1974	4,811.4	3,661.1	2,005.6	1,226.9	1,104.5	398.1	104.9	174.8	13,487.3
1975	4,864.6	3,706.7	2,060.5	1,246.7	1,134.2	402.6	94.7	185.1	13,695.1
1976	4,897.2	3,734.4	2,096.3	1,256.5	1,158.4	406.3	98.4	198.5	13,846.1

VITAL AND POPULATION STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Components of population growth						Population at end of period (^{'000})
	Marriage registrations	Birth registrations	Death registrations	Natural increase (a)	Net migration (b)	Total increase (c) (^{'000})	
1973-74	113,115	243,658	110,179	133,479	82,926	219.1	13,598.4
1974-75	107,056	239,794	114,501	125,293	44,675	172.6	13,771.0
1975-76 p	103,922	231,120	110,590	120,530	21,229	144.5	(d)13,915.5
1975-76 -							
Sept. qtr	21,289	58,802	31,098	27,704	6,559	35.0	13,806.0
Dec. qtr	27,572	56,827	26,481	30,346	12,106	43.1	13,849.1
Mar. qtr	28,491	58,218	24,953	33,265	2,983	36.9	13,886.0
June qtr	p26,570	p57,273	p28,058	p29,215	-419	29.5	13,915.5
1976-77 -							
Sept. qtr	23,930	57,105	33,432	23,673	7,232	30.9	13,946.4
Dec. qtr p	30,990	55,049	26,211	28,838	12,337	41.2	13,987.6

(a) Excess of births registered over deaths registered. (b) Excess of recorded overseas arrivals over recorded overseas departures excluding short term (less than one year) movement. Minus sign (-) denotes an excess of departures over arrivals. (c) Increase consists of natural increase, net overseas migration gain and an adjustment to make the series of increases agree with the total intercensal increase revealed by successive censuses. The adjustment reflects the combined net error in the census and in the recording of births, deaths and migration during the five-year period. (d) Population at census date.

NOTE: Population estimates have been revised to take into account under-enumeration of the 1971 and 1976 Censuses and a change of estimation method for net migration. Population growth due to net migration excludes the effect of overseas arrivals and departures classified as short-term, i.e. trips lasting less than a year. Formerly account was taken of all arrivals and departures.

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES (a)

Permanent movement — persons arriving with the stated intention of settling permanently in Australia, and Australian residents departure with the stated intention of residing permanently abroad.

Long-term movement — arrival of visitors and temporary departure of residents with the stated intention of staying (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more and the departure of visitors and return of Australian residents who have stayed (in Australia or abroad respectively) for twelve months or more.

Short-term movement — all other overseas arrivals and departures.

These statistics exclude crew members, transit passengers passing through Australia who are not cleared for entry and passengers on short pleasure cruises commencing and finishing in Australia on ships not then engaged in regular voyages.

ARRIVALS

Period	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Short-term movement				Excess of arrivals over departures
	Settlers arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving	Australian residents returning	Overseas visitors arriving		Total arrivals		
					Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted	
1973-74	112,712	64,297	27,212	705,352	505,854	..	1,415,427	..	73,237
1974-75	89,147	60,239	23,615	815,930	519,549	..	1,508,480	..	38,706
1975-76	52,748	60,224	21,687	931,725	529,656	..	1,596,040	..	20,259
1975-76 -									
Oct.	5,109	5,670	1,274	89,678	41,913	40,444	143,643	130,682	39,642
Nov.	4,227	5,237	1,032	66,503	53,667	45,858	130,667	129,943	19,509
Dec.	5,111	10,213	1,329	52,279	70,023	45,558	138,954	125,692	47,036
Jan.	3,776	5,373	2,750	143,413	47,761	45,973	203,073	153,993	49,624
Feb.	3,898	4,189	2,730	76,368	49,857	44,924	137,043	132,633	24,310
Mar.	4,793	4,247	1,940	61,898	46,104	45,092	118,982	131,520	23,494
Apr.	3,791	3,490	1,618	55,942	37,275	41,621	102,116	124,830	22,853
May	4,678	4,189	1,894	80,586	37,621	42,627	128,968	139,153	29,118
June	3,720	3,617	1,794	60,999	30,073	43,338	100,203	125,572	18,736
1976-77 -									
July	4,599	4,721	1,644	70,647	35,121	42,988	116,732	133,861	675
Aug.	4,750	5,128	1,892	88,277	44,134	44,191	144,181	140,078	10,854
Sept.	4,468	4,737	1,891	113,465	36,053	44,516	160,613	144,518	51,580
Oct.	6,072	5,546	1,793	97,464	46,815	43,971	157,690	141,916	50,440
Nov.	6,075	5,102	1,590	65,603	53,683	46,199	132,053	132,682	17,637

DEPARTURES

Period	Permanent movement		Long-term movement		Short-term movement		Total departures	
	Former settlers departing	Other residents departing	Australian residents departing	Overseas visitors departing	Australian residents departing		Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted
					Number recorded	Seasonally adjusted		
1973-74	26,714	12,699	60,636	21,246	724,107	..	496,788	1,342,190
1974-75	20,184	11,361	72,397	24,386	824,890	..	516,557	1,469,774
1975-76	17,150	10,277	64,474	21,528	951,290	..	511,062	1,575,781
1975-76 —								
Oct.	1,622	820	3,989	1,580	58,790	86,412	37,201	104,002
Nov.	1,045	711	3,417	1,703	59,063	79,985	45,219	111,158
Dec.	1,658	1,004	5,724	3,823	129,618	80,007	44,162	185,990
Jan.	1,140	1,031	7,391	1,865	75,808	81,353	66,213	153,449
Feb.	1,192	871	5,135	1,415	54,698	82,141	49,423	112,733
Mar.	1,674	985	6,349	1,665	84,987	89,167	46,816	142,476
Apr.	1,484	837	5,637	1,418	74,608	61,400	40,986	124,969
May	1,803	947	6,728	1,770	103,854	86,315	42,984	158,086
June	1,295	702	5,171	1,418	81,994	78,206	28,359	118,939
1976-77 —								
July	1,379	785	5,555	1,371	77,006	83,037	29,962	116,057
Aug.	1,456	803	6,001	1,647	103,609	81,024	41,518	155,035
Sept.	1,161	676	4,495	1,269	62,877	84,095	38,556	109,033
Oct.	1,333	705	4,215	1,286	60,692	86,040	39,020	107,250
Nov.	1,266	650	5,122	1,989	58,819	82,290	46,571	114,416

(a) Changes in definitions which date from 1 January 1974 are described in *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*, March 1974 (Reference No. 4.1).

Note: Minus sign (–) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

CIVILIAN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER (a). BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Month	Employed (b)			Unemployed (b)		Total labour force (b)		Not in labour force (b) (000)	Civilian population aged 15 and over (a) (000)
	Agri- culture (000)	Other industries (000)	Total (000)	Number (000)	Percent of labour force (c) %	Number (000)	Percent of pop- ulation (d) %		
MALES									
1975 Nov. (e)	294.3	3,475.0	3,769.3	139.0	3.6	3,908.3	80.7	935.1	4,843.3
1976 Feb. (f)	294.8	3,509.4	3,804.2	159.5	4.0	3,963.6	81.4	908.5	4,872.1
May	284.2	3,643.9	3,928.1	132.4	3.3	3,960.5	81.0	930.1	4,890.6
Aug. (g)	282.4	3,485.0	3,767.4	146.2	3.7	3,913.6	80.0	978.6	4,892.2
Nov.	284.4	3,526.0	3,810.4	144.2	3.6	3,954.6	80.2	974.1	4,928.7
1977 Feb.	288.6	3,552.0	3,840.6	173.6	4.3	4,014.2	81.0	944.2	4,958.4
MARRIED WOMEN									
1975 Nov. (e)	62.7	1,241.9	1,304.6	65.2	4.8	1,369.8	42.3	1,868.3	3,238.1
1976 Feb. (f)	60.1	1,226.9	1,287.0	68.7	5.1	1,355.7	41.5	1,912.3	3,268.0
May	57.1	1,230.7	1,287.8	50.9	3.8	1,338.8	41.0	1,924.4	3,263.2
Aug. (g)	62.4	1,216.2	1,278.6	51.9	3.9	1,330.5	40.7	1,942.3	3,272.8
Nov.	58.4	1,151.1	1,309.5	42.2	3.1	1,351.7	41.0	1,942.6	3,294.3
1977 Feb.	60.7	1,246.9	1,307.7	67.6	4.9	1,375.2	41.4	1,944.5	3,319.7
ALL FEMALES									
1975 Nov. (e)	74.8	1,955.1	2,029.8	135.5	6.3	2,165.3	43.8	2,776.6	4,942.0
1976 Feb. (f)	71.7	1,934.8	2,006.5	145.0	6.7	2,151.5	43.3	2,814.8	4,966.3
May	67.8	1,944.7	2,012.5	115.1	5.4	2,127.6	42.7	2,851.2	4,978.8
Aug. (g)	72.2	1,908.0	1,980.2	118.0	5.6	2,098.2	42.0	2,897.9	4,996.1
Nov.	67.1	1,952.1	2,019.2	110.4	5.2	2,129.6	42.2	2,912.2	5,041.7
1977 Feb.	73.0	1,959.6	2,032.7	161.1	7.3	2,193.8	43.2	2,880.8	5,074.6
PERSONS									
1975 Nov. (e)	369.1	5,430.0	5,799.1	274.5	4.5	6,073.6	62.1	3,711.8	9,785.3
1976 Feb. (f)	366.5	5,444.2	5,810.6	304.5	5.0	6,115.1	62.2	3,723.3	9,838.4
May	352.0	5,488.6	5,840.6	247.6	4.1	6,088.1	61.7	3,781.3	9,869.4
Aug. (g)	354.6	5,393.0	5,747.6	264.1	4.4	6,011.8	60.8	3,876.5	9,888.3
Nov.	351.5	5,478.1	5,829.6	254.6	4.2	6,084.2	61.0	3,886.2	9,970.4
1977 Feb.	361.6	5,511.6	5,873.2	334.8	5.4	6,208.0	61.9	3,825.0	10,033.0

(a) The estimates relate to all persons aged 15 years and over, except members of the permanent armed forces and certain diplomatic personnel customarily excluded from census and estimated populations. (b) For definitions see explanatory notes given in the most recent issue of *The Labour Force* (Reference No. 6.20). (c) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group (labour force participation rate). (d) The sample size was reduced for this survey. See pages 17 and 18 of the November 1975 issue of *The Labour Force* (Reference No. 6.20). (e) Survey deferred by one week. See page 4, paragraph 23 of the November 1976 issue of *The Labour Force* (Reference No. 6.20). (f) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: AUSTRALIA (a) ('000)
(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Total civilian employees				Private/Government (b)			
	Males		Females		Private		Government	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted *	Original	Seasonally adjusted *
1973 - June	(c)2,985.2	(c)2,980.5	1,617.7	1,616.0	(c)4,602.9	(c)4,596.5	(c)3,439.0	(c)3,438.0
1974 - June	3,068.2	3,061.4	1,728.3	1,735.1	4,806.5	4,796.5	3,602.7	3,599.6
1975 - June	(c)3,043.5	(c)3,035.2	1,709.2	1,704.9	(c)4,752.7	(c)4,740.1	(c)3,457.1	(c)3,452.6
1975-76 -								
Jan.	2,995.1	3,005.8	1,703.9	1,732.7	4,699.0	4,738.5	3,431.3	3,455.4
Feb.	3,004.2	3,007.9	1,725.4	1,730.1	4,729.6	4,733.0	3,450.8	3,455.5
Mar.	3,011.2	3,003.4	1,737.0	1,732.0	4,748.2	4,735.4	3,467.3	3,459.6
Apr.	3,010.3	3,006.1	1,735.8	1,731.5	4,746.0	4,737.6	3,464.5	3,460.7
May	3,010.1	2,997.8	1,735.1	1,729.3	4,745.2	4,727.1	3,463.4	3,453.4
June	3,005.2	2,995.8	1,732.9	1,728.0	4,738.2	4,723.8	3,306.9	3,301.7
1976-77 -								
July	2,999.5	2,999.5	1,733.6	1,731.5	4,733.1	4,731.0	3,300.4	3,306.5
Aug.	2,991.7	2,996.9	1,732.9	1,733.6	4,724.7	4,730.5	3,294.1	3,303.6
Sept.	2,989.5	2,996.4	1,737.7	1,736.2	4,727.2	4,732.6	3,295.8	3,303.6
Oct.	2,986.8	2,993.1	1,744.6	1,739.2	4,731.4	4,732.3	3,300.6	3,299.2
Nov.	(c)2,984.7	(c)2,991.1	1,753.1	1,742.3	(c)4,742.8	(c)4,733.4	(c)3,308.7	(c)3,297.0
Dec.	2,984.3	2,988.8	1,737.8	1,743.6	4,722.1	4,732.4	3,297.2	3,298.0
Jan.	2,980.4	2,981.9	1,721.4	1,750.7	4,740.9	4,742.5	3,276.4	3,296.6
Feb.	2,990.0	2,989.2	1,739.7	1,744.8	4,729.7	4,734.0	3,285.7	3,287.8

(a) The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. For the period subsequent to the census the employment data are obtained from three main sources, namely (i) current payroll tax returns, (ii) current returns from Government bodies, and (iii) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked with the benchmark data to derive the monthly employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census. The estimates shown are based on the Australian Standard Industrial Classification. For further details on the series see *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) published monthly. (b) Estimates for private and government have been revised back to June 1976 following the reclassification to government of certain hospitals and marketing bodies previously classified to private. For further details see February 1977 issue of *Employed Wage and Salary Earners - Australia* (Reference No. 6.12). (c) Affected by industrial disputes. * - Revised following annual re-analysis.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA : INDUSTRY (a) (000)
(Including defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade	Transport and storage	Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	Public administration and defence (b)	Community services	Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services (c)	Other industries (d)	Total
MALES										
1973 - June	(e)940.1	381.5	536.6	211.2	193.2	138.0	241.0	100.2	243.4	(e)2,985.2
1974 - June	960.5	385.7	552.8	218.4	202.8	143.0	252.5	105.1	247.4	3,068.2
1975 - June	895.8	(e)393.3	549.1	218.8	198.3	154.0	268.7	110.9	254.6	(e)3,043.5
1975-76 -										
Jan.	887.0	353.7	550.8	217.3	196.3	154.4	272.3	112.1	251.1	2,995.1
Feb.	893.4	354.7	552.5	215.8	196.9	153.5	276.0	111.2	250.2	3,004.2
Mar.	895.8	355.2	555.4	215.2	197.9	152.9	277.5	111.9	249.3	3,011.2
Apr.	892.8	354.7	556.7	215.2	197.9	152.9	278.3	112.3	249.4	3,010.3
May	891.8	353.2	558.9	215.3	197.4	153.0	279.1	111.9	249.5	3,010.1
June	888.7	351.8	558.3	214.6	197.3	153.3	280.1	111.3	249.9	3,005.2
1976-77 -										
July	886.9	350.4	556.4	214.9	197.2	153.2	280.1	110.8	249.7	2,999.5
Aug.	883.4	347.2	556.6	213.9	196.6	152.9	280.4	110.8	250.0	2,991.7
Sept.	882.6	346.0	556.8	213.5	196.6	152.6	281.2	110.8	249.4	2,989.5
Oct.	882.6	344.4	557.0	213.1	196.1	152.1	281.3	111.2	249.1	2,986.8
Nov.	(e)879.9	344.7	559.4	214.8	196.5	152.0	281.7	111.7	249.0	(e)2,989.7
Dec.	876.2	341.4	560.3	215.8	196.4	151.9	280.6	112.0	249.7	2,984.3
Jan.	875.9	339.8	557.3	214.6	196.8	151.8	282.3	111.6	250.3	2,980.4
Feb.	878.7	342.4	557.9	213.8	197.5	152.1	286.5	111.1	250.0	2,990.0
FEMALES										
1973 - June	347.3	17.9	388.7	33.9	171.9	67.9	397.4	150.3	42.4	1,617.7
1974 - June	370.9	19.1	416.3	36.9	185.0	76.0	428.4	160.5	45.1	1,738.3
1975 - June	309.0	18.2	406.7	36.7	181.2	89.5	458.7	163.6	45.7	1,709.2
1975-76 -										
Jan.	311.5	18.1	405.3	36.4	180.5	89.8	453.8	162.4	46.1	1,703.9
Feb.	315.9	18.2	406.6	36.2	181.8	90.3	468.5	162.1	45.7	1,725.4
Mar.	317.3	18.2	409.6	36.3	182.9	90.5	474.2	163.2	44.9	1,737.0
Apr.	313.5	18.2	410.1	36.3	182.7	90.0	476.8	163.0	45.2	1,735.8
May	311.4	18.3	411.0	36.3	182.6	89.9	478.1	162.5	45.0	1,735.1
June	308.2	18.2	410.1	36.2	183.0	90.2	480.9	161.0	45.2	1,732.9
1976-77 -										
July	306.0	18.4	410.4	36.3	183.3	91.6	482.2	160.2	45.1	1,733.6
Aug.	303.9	18.2	410.8	36.4	183.7	91.6	482.7	160.4	45.2	1,732.9
Sept.	304.1	18.3	411.3	36.3	184.6	91.7	484.6	161.7	45.1	1,737.7
Oct.	304.7	18.4	414.7	36.4	185.0	91.2	486.0	163.0	45.2	1,744.6
Nov.	304.5	18.4	419.2	36.8	185.6	91.9	488.0	163.7	45.1	1,753.1
Dec.	300.4	18.3	420.1	37.0	185.7	90.8	477.5	162.4	45.6	1,737.8
Jan.	296.7	18.2	410.1	36.7	186.0	90.6	476.4	161.2	45.7	1,721.4
Feb.	298.4	18.2	411.2	36.5	187.1	91.7	490.8	160.6	45.2	1,739.7
PERSONS										
1973 - June	(e)1,287.4	399.4	925.4	245.1	365.1	205.9	638.3	250.4	285.9	(e)4,602.9
1974 - June	1,331.4	404.7	969.2	255.3	387.9	219.0	681.0	265.7	292.4	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,204.8	(e)411.5	955.7	255.5	379.5	243.5	727.4	274.5	300.3	(e)4,752.7
1975-76 -										
Jan.	1,198.5	371.8	956.1	253.7	376.8	244.2	726.1	274.5	297.3	4,699.0
Feb.	1,209.3	372.9	959.0	252.1	378.7	243.8	744.4	273.4	295.9	4,729.6
Mar.	1,213.1	373.4	965.0	251.5	380.8	243.5	751.7	275.1	294.2	4,748.2
Apr.	1,206.3	372.9	966.8	251.6	380.7	242.9	755.1	275.3	294.5	4,746.0
May	1,203.2	371.4	969.8	251.6	380.0	242.9	757.2	274.5	294.5	4,745.2
June	1,196.9	370.0	968.4	250.8	380.3	243.5	761.0	272.3	295.0	4,738.2
1976-77 -										
July	1,191.9	368.8	966.8	251.2	380.5	244.8	762.3	271.0	294.8	4,733.1
Aug.	1,187.3	365.5	967.4	250.3	380.3	244.5	763.1	271.2	295.2	4,724.7
Sept.	1,186.7	364.4	968.1	249.8	381.1	244.3	765.8	272.6	294.5	4,727.2
Oct.	1,187.3	362.7	971.7	249.6	381.0	243.3	767.3	274.2	294.2	4,731.4
Nov.	(e)1,184.4	363.0	978.6	251.5	382.1	243.9	769.8	275.4	294.1	(e)4,742.8
Dec.	1,176.7	359.6	980.3	252.8	382.1	242.7	758.1	274.4	295.3	4,722.1
Jan.	1,172.5	358.0	967.4	251.3	382.8	242.4	758.7	272.9	295.9	4,701.9
Feb.	1,177.1	360.6	969.1	250.4	384.5	243.8	777.3	271.7	295.2	4,729.7

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Excludes permanent defence forces. (c) Excludes private households employing staff. (d) Includes forestry, fishing and hunting; mining; electricity, gas and water; and communication. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES: STATES (a) ('000)

(Excluding defence forces and employees in agriculture and private domestic service)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.(b)	Australia
MALES									
1973 - June	(c)1,104.5	(c)819.9	398.9	270.5	233.8	87.9	25.1	44.8	(c)2,985.2
1974 - June	1,123.7	842.9	415.2	278.4	243.0	89.6	26.8	48.5	3,068.2
1975 - June	1,102.3	(c)832.9	414.4	278.3	247.9	90.7	24.5	52.4	(c)3,043.5
1975-76 -									
Jan.	1,079.0	826.9	400.6	274.5	247.8	88.9	24.9	52.4	2,995.1
Feb.	1,081.0	828.6	404.5	276.3	248.0	88.9	24.7	52.1	3,004.2
Mar.	1,081.8	830.6	407.3	277.0	248.5	89.1	24.6	52.3	3,011.2
Apr.	1,079.5	830.2	409.1	277.5	248.8	89.0	24.4	51.8	3,010.3
May	1,079.0	829.4	409.4	278.4	249.0	88.5	24.7	51.7	3,010.1
June	1,076.5	827.7	409.7	278.5	248.4	88.2	24.9	51.4	3,005.2
1976-77 -									
July	1,073.1	825.3	410.9	277.7	248.4	88.5	24.8	50.8	2,999.5
Aug.	1,070.5	822.9	409.4	277.5	247.6	88.3	24.8	50.6	2,991.7
Sept.	1,068.5	822.7	409.0	277.3	248.7	88.1	24.7	50.5	2,989.5
Oct.	1,065.8	822.4	408.8	277.6	249.0	88.2	24.6	50.4	2,986.8
Nov.	(c)1,065.5	823.9	407.1	279.0	250.8	88.6	24.4	50.5	(c)2,989.7
Dec.	1,064.0	825.7	402.6	278.7	250.4	89.2	23.8	49.9	2,984.3
Jan.	r1,062.8	826.0	400.9	277.8	250.6	88.8	23.6	50.0	r2,980.4
Feb.	1,064.7	827.8	403.6	278.2	252.9	89.1	23.6	50.1	2,990.0
FEMALES									
1973 - June	604.0	470.5	194.2	145.9	123.1	41.3	11.5	27.3	1,617.7
1974 - June	643.9	502.2	210.0	161.0	132.3	44.1	13.3	31.5	1,738.3
1975 - June	625.2	487.3	210.3	159.5	133.1	46.6	11.7	35.4	1,709.2
1975-76 -									
Jan.	615.8	492.4	211.8	159.5	131.7	45.2	12.2	35.2	1,703.9
Feb.	623.1	496.4	213.6	163.4	135.0	46.2	12.3	35.5	1,725.4
Mar.	625.7	500.4	214.8	165.1	136.4	47.1	12.2	35.5	1,737.0
Apr.	624.8	498.7	216.0	165.3	136.3	46.9	12.3	35.3	1,735.8
May	623.9	497.0	216.3	166.0	137.1	47.0	12.4	35.4	1,735.1
June	623.3	495.1	216.1	166.5	136.7	46.8	12.6	35.8	1,732.9
1976-77 -									
July	623.0	495.3	216.9	166.0	137.2	47.1	12.6	35.4	1,733.6
Aug.	623.1	493.4	217.1	166.2	137.7	47.2	12.8	35.4	1,732.9
Sept.	624.3	494.9	217.4	166.7	139.2	47.3	12.6	35.3	1,737.7
Oct.	626.1	496.7	217.7	168.5	140.2	47.7	12.7	35.1	1,744.6
Nov.	629.0	498.4	217.9	170.4	141.5	47.9	12.6	35.3	1,753.1
Dec.	622.4	498.8	216.1	166.5	138.2	48.3	12.5	34.9	1,737.8
Jan.	r613.8	494.9	214.7	164.6	138.2	48.0	12.5	34.8	r1,721.4
Feb.	622.4	497.0	214.7	167.8	141.7	48.2	12.7	35.1	1,739.7
PERSONS									
1973 - June	(c)1,708.5	(c)1,290.3	593.1	416.3	356.8	129.2	36.6	72.0	(c)4,602.9
1974 - June	1,767.7	1,345.2	625.3	439.4	375.3	133.7	40.1	80.0	4,806.5
1975 - June	1,727.5	(c)1,320.3	624.6	437.8	381.0	137.3	36.2	87.9	(c)4,752.7
1975-76 -									
Jan.	1,694.8	1,319.4	612.4	434.0	379.4	134.1	37.2	87.7	4,699.0
Feb.	1,704.1	1,325.0	618.0	439.7	383.1	135.1	37.0	87.6	4,729.6
Mar.	1,707.5	1,331.0	622.1	442.1	384.9	136.2	36.8	87.8	4,748.2
Apr.	1,704.2	1,328.9	625.1	442.8	385.1	135.9	36.7	87.2	4,746.0
May	1,702.9	1,326.3	625.7	444.5	386.0	135.5	37.1	87.1	4,745.2
June	1,699.8	1,322.8	625.8	445.0	385.2	135.0	37.5	87.1	4,738.2
1976-77 -									
July	1,696.1	r1,320.5	627.8	443.8	385.6	135.6	37.4	86.3	4,733.1
Aug.	1,693.6	1,316.3	626.5	443.8	385.4	135.5	37.5	86.1	4,724.7
Sept.	1,692.8	1,317.7	626.3	444.0	387.9	135.4	37.4	85.8	4,727.2
Oct.	1,691.9	1,319.1	626.4	446.1	389.2	135.9	37.2	85.5	4,731.4
Nov.	(c)1,694.5	1,322.3	624.9	449.4	392.2	136.5	37.1	85.8	(c)4,742.8
Dec.	r1,686.4	1,324.5	618.7	445.2	388.6	137.5	36.2	84.9	4,722.1
Jan.	r1,676.6	1,320.8	615.5	442.3	388.8	136.8	36.2	84.7	r4,701.9
Feb.	1,687.1	1,324.8	618.3	446.0	394.6	137.4	36.2	85.3	4,729.7

(a) See footnote (a) on page 4. (b) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

REGISTERED UNEMPLOYED (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W. (c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia		
								Males	Females	Persons
1973 - June	27,003	22,219	10,636	8,599	8,461	3,718	740	51,627	29,749	81,376
1974 - June	38,957	21,258	9,537	7,128	7,782	3,310	855	47,478	31,349	78,827
1975 - June	94,595	70,360	37,491	19,119	17,003	6,190	1,217	154,536	91,439	245,975
1975-76 -										
Feb.	122,469	71,809	50,141	23,993	22,752	10,283	2,292	196,220	107,519	303,739
Mar.	111,892	66,903	46,234	20,927	20,601	8,847	2,606	177,331	100,679	278,010
Apr.	109,016	65,763	43,064	19,382	20,046	8,439	2,293	172,342	95,661	268,003
May	105,331	66,443	39,404	17,278	19,964	8,651	1,834	168,118	90,787	258,905
June	111,127	66,118	38,586	17,593	21,103	8,986	1,738	172,988	92,263	265,251
1976-77 -										
July	115,997	64,868	38,346	18,346	21,419	9,243	2,067	179,116	91,170	270,286
Aug.	116,997	62,397	37,525	18,685	20,925	9,207	2,150	179,254	88,632	267,886
Sept.	117,599	60,585	36,800	18,675	19,507	9,127	2,012	177,911	86,394	264,305
Oct.	115,662	60,878	36,446	19,037	18,962	8,901	2,104	175,926	86,064	261,990
Nov.	119,197	64,435	39,978	18,734	8,542	1,985		181,969	90,549	272,518
Dec.	138,779	78,266	49,202	25,070	23,978	10,198	2,041	218,807	108,727	327,534
Jan.	150,669	82,633	55,147	26,658	26,335	10,695	2,452	235,912	118,677	354,589
Feb.	150,453	77,263	54,697	25,856	25,506	10,044	2,849	224,044	122,624	346,668
Mar.	141,790	72,721	51,195	24,484	24,170	8,685	3,504	208,315	118,234	326,549

(a) Persons who claimed, when registering with the Commonwealth Employment Service, that they were not employed and who were recorded as unemployed. Includes those referred to employers and those who may have obtained employment without notifying the C.E.S. Includes also persons receiving unemployment benefit. (b) Generally at Friday nearest end of month. (c) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (a)

(Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations)

Month (b)	N.S.W.(c)	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia					
								Males		Females		Person	
								Original	Season-ally adjusted	Original	Season-ally adjusted	Original	Season-ally adjusted
1973 - June	21,532	16,522	6,986	4,362	3,302	1,014	790	33,813	39,967	20,695	23,703	54,508	63,629
1974 - June	23,160	23,561	6,180	4,231	3,302	1,078	668	38,750	44,858	23,430	26,472	62,180	71,351
1975 - June	8,984	7,868	2,484	2,381	2,346	823	631	17,308	19,802	8,209	9,206	25,517	29,002
1975-76 -													
Feb.	12,248	10,266	1,916	2,665	2,302	1,267	348	21,152	17,771	9,860	9,111	31,012	27,121
Mar.	6,792	8,584	1,946	2,018	2,235	1,095	306	16,131	15,003	6,845	7,024	22,976	21,845
Apr.	6,581	7,999	1,739	1,933	1,877	1,083	447	15,102	15,547	6,557	6,762	21,659	21,997
May	6,398	7,654	1,763	1,913	1,766	944	471	14,455	15,031	6,454	6,744	20,909	21,815
June	5,950	7,187	1,605	1,749	1,626	654	423	13,210	15,026	5,984	6,686	19,194	21,712
1976-77 -													
July	5,936	7,018	1,834	1,688	1,588	649	440	12,587	15,029	6,566	7,350	19,153	22,338
Aug.	6,795	7,205	1,958	2,034	1,795	707	469	13,716	16,280	7,247	7,356	20,963	23,428
Sept.	8,171	8,130	1,985	1,919	1,936	780	447	15,416	16,943	7,952	7,841	23,368	24,659
Oct.	8,629	8,135	2,137	1,956	2,147	891	491	16,461	16,417	7,925	7,507	24,386	23,869
Nov.	10,129	7,735	1,950	1,917	2,238	1,013	517	17,611	17,240	8,888	7,891	25,499	25,206
Dec.	12,719	7,022	1,778	1,658	2,014	891	462	18,157	17,303	8,387	8,249	26,544	25,557
Jan.	11,267	10,584	2,001	1,996	3,125	1,081	334	21,791	17,326	8,597	7,431	30,388	25,206
Feb.	10,446	9,907	1,966	2,051	3,007	1,252	241	20,027	16,755	8,843	8,147	28,870	25,153
Mar.	7,609	8,145	1,906	1,678	2,616	1,293	221	16,610	15,376	6,858	7,016	23,468	22,202

(a) Vacancies which employers claimed were available immediately or would be available by the end of the following calendar month. (b) At Friday nearest end of month. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

Note: Sample surveys have been conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in March each year since 1974 to obtain information on the level and composition of job vacancies. For a number of reasons the estimates obtained from these surveys differed substantially from the numbers of vacancies registered with the C.E.S. at those dates. For example, the survey estimate of total vacancies at March 1976 was 50,800, while the C.E.S. figure was 22,976. Results of the surveys and reasons why the survey estimates differ from C.E.S. statistics were published in *Job Vacancies, March 1976* (Reference No. 6.49).

PERSONS ON UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
(Source : Department of Social Security)

Date (a)	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Qld	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
June -									
1974	11,974	8,761	3,603	2,873	3,029	1,769	20,080	11,929	32,009
1975	57,599	45,624	27,682	14,393	11,011	4,439	108,024	52,724	160,748
1976 July 2	83,361	43,638	26,494	13,148	14,554	7,228	129,788	58,635	188,423
1975-76 -									
Feb.	87,701	52,069	36,042	17,253	15,108	7,169	148,577	66,765	215,342
Mar. 26	82,511	44,643	30,810	14,295	13,327	6,438	130,846	61,178	192,024
Apr. 23	77,562	41,387	27,315	12,891	13,185	6,425	120,468	58,297	178,765
May 21	80,636	42,311	26,866	12,178	13,795	6,611	124,009	58,388	182,397
1976-77 -									
July 2	83,361	43,638	26,494	13,148	14,554	7,228	129,788	58,635	188,423
July 30	89,266	43,665	27,438	13,739	15,448	7,603	137,644	59,515	197,159
Aug. 27	92,335	42,896	26,624	14,155	15,029	7,609	134,674	63,974	198,648
Sept. 24	92,499	40,901	26,000	14,689	14,264	7,511	139,201	56,663	195,864
Oct. 22	91,168	41,202	25,459	14,858	14,228	7,210	137,682	56,443	194,125
Nov. 19	90,670	41,089	25,272	15,154	13,628	7,053	136,957	55,909	192,866
Dec. 31	99,446	45,212	30,629	17,811	15,548	7,009	153,661	61,994	215,655
Jan. 28	104,943	48,137	33,572	18,346	17,020	7,397	165,210	64,205	229,415
Feb. 25	112,702	49,002	37,022	20,816	18,349	7,501	169,684	75,708	245,392
Mar. 25	111,456	45,840	36,086	19,619	16,456	6,926	159,692	76,691	236,383

PERSONS ON SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA
(Source : Department of Social Security)

Date (a)	Sickness	Special	
		Ordinary	Migrant (d)
June			
1974	22,036	5,164	80
1975	25,478	5,552	49
1976 July 2	30,468	7,224	209
1975-76 -			
Feb.	27,637	6,934	95
Mar. 26	30,130	7,211	83
Apr. 23	29,992	6,797	110
May. 21	31,828	7,380	264
1976-77 -			
July 2	30,468	7,224	209
July 30	31,696	7,160	148
Aug. 27	32,863	7,444	169
Sept. 24	32,302	7,494	85
Oct. 22	33,585	7,780	64
Nov. 19	33,762	7,814	60
Dec. 31	30,417	7,435	44
Jan. 28	31,728	8,247	72
Feb. 25	32,180	8,136	156
Mar. 25	32,836	8,521	244

(a) At Saturday nearest end of month until February 1976. The introduction of fortnightly payments in March 1976 has altered the basis of collection of numbers on benefit to four or six weeks accounting periods. Figures now show numbers on benefit at the dates indicated. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) In Australian Government centres or hostels awaiting their first placement in employment in Australia.

INTERNAL TRADE

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (a) (\$ million)

Retail sales figures in the table below relate principally to sales to the final consumer of new and used goods for personal and household purposes. The series covers retail sales by all establishments included in the Australian Standard Industrial Classification subdivision 48 except motor establishments, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and household electrical appliance repairers. The following establishments are also included: cafes and restaurants, licensed hotels, motels and wine saloons, licensed clubs and hairdressers. Figures for monthly estimates up to March 1976 were obtained from a survey based on the 1968-69 Census of Retail Establishments. Estimates from the month of April 1976 are obtained from a survey based on the 1973-74 Census of Retail Establishments. For an explanation of the differences between the two series and for a quantitative relationship between them see *Retail Sales of Goods* (Reference No. 11.4) March quarter 1976.

Period	Commodity groups												Total (excl. motor vehicles, etc.)														
	Groceries (b)	Butchers' meat	Other food (c)	Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drapery	Footwear	Hardware (d)	Electrical goods (e)	Furniture	Chemists' goods	News-papers books and stationery	Other goods (f)															
ORIGINAL																											
1974-75	2,640.8	1,041.0	1,635.4	2,072.3	2,579.8	395.0	645.7	1,349.6	919.2	894.2	576.8	1,399.9	16,149.7														
1975-76	3,144.6	1,114.6	1,860.4	2,534.8	2,897.3	450.0	752.5	1,718.3	1,066.6	1,048.9	671.6	1,634.2	18,893.8														
1974-75 -																											
Mar. qtr	651.2	244.8	411.7	536.4	544.3	86.1	143.7	313.7	195.7	211.3	149.4	325.9	3,814.2														
June qtr	690.3	263.4	412.4	519.2	733.2	108.9	155.1	382.6	234.9	228.9	146.5	343.9	4,219.3														
1975-76 -																											
Sept. qtr	728.5	267.4	425.1	553.1	663.1	103.4	162.2	395.5	259.4	240.8	148.2	366.7	4,313.4														
Dec. qtr	822.3	283.2	477.4	689.2	818.8	123.8	244.3	493.9	294.9	290.8	183.0	491.7	5,213.3														
Mar. qtr	773.8	274.9	470.4	653.4	605.5	100.1	168.1	385.1	239.3	252.4	175.5	380.3	4,478.8														
June qtr	820.0	289.1	487.5	639.1	809.9	122.7	177.9	443.8	273.0	264.9	164.9	395.5	4,888.3														
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED																											
1974-75 -																											
Mar. qtr	672.3	254.5	414.3	531.2	653.2	100.5	163.8	348.4	225.9	228.5	147.4	358.1	4,093.6														
June qtr	706.7	259.5	424.4	553.7	692.6	104.5	170.9	398.0	237.7	236.0	156.0	374.4	4,311.7														
1975-76 -																											
Sept. qtr	739.1	264.4	433.7	588.7	695.5	105.7	176.7	415.3	250.0	246.6	159.4	386.9	4,465.2														
Dec. qtr	772.1	279.9	454.6	621.2	709.0	110.4	188.3	412.7	266.0	257.8	164.7	402.2	4,647.4														
Mar. qtr	796.3	283.0	472.9	641.0	720.0	115.9	188.2	419.2	270.4	268.2	170.6	415.0	4,766.2														
June qtr	836.1	286.0	497.7	679.4	765.3	117.5	197.1	465.0	278.4	275.1	176.7	430.2	4,992.0														
MONTHLY ESTIMATES																											
Total (excluding motor vehicles, etc.)																											
Period	Original				Seasonally adjusted				Period	Original				Seasonally adjusted													
1975-76 -														1976-77 -													
Jan.	1,576.1				1,639.0				Aug.	1,633.6				1,700.3													
Feb.	1,486.5				1,657.9				Sept.	1,670.0				1,719.8													
Mar.	1,645.9				1,712.6				Oct. p	1,700.0				1,694.0													
Apr.	1,674.6				1,598.1				Nov. p	1,800.0				1,737.0													
May					1,658.1				Dec. p	2,381.0				1,768.0													
June					1,592.9				Jan. p	1,598.0				1,724.0													
1976-77 -														Feb. p													
July	1,654.1				1,688.2												1,559.0				1,764.0						

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. Series based on 1973-74 Retail Census. (b) Includes bacon, butter, etc. (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (d) Excludes basic building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc. (e) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (f) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., sporting goods, etc., but excludes grain and produce and business machines.

Note: Figures from September quarter 1975 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES (\$ million)

The following statistics cover all types of schemes which relate primarily to the financing of retail sales of consumer goods and in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments. Types of schemes covered include hire purchase, time payment, budget account and personal loans relating to financing of retail sales of goods.

Period	Amount financed during period (excluding hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc.)			Cash collections and other liquidations of balances during period	Balances outstanding at end of period (including hiring charge, etc.)
	Motor vehicles, etc	Household and personal goods	Total		
FINANCE COMPANIES					
1975-76 : Jan.	86.7	17.7	104.4	129.2	2,091.3
Feb.	86.5	19.5	106.0	133.7	2,106.7
Mar.	104.7	23.1	127.8	149.9	2,140.1
Apr.	98.3	26.0	124.2	132.2	2,185.7
May	98.0	28.3	126.4	139.3	2,210.0
June	104.0	28.4	132.4	145.0	2,255.2
1976-77 : July	100.2	30.5	130.7	150.9	2,297.7
Aug.	98.0	26.7	124.7	148.8	2,329.0
Sept.	101.3	26.9	128.2	149.6	2,362.6
Oct.	98.7	32.0	130.7	146.9	2,401.2
Nov.	102.6	33.1	135.8	155.7	2,438.4
Dec.	107.6	37.1	144.7	147.9	2,491.7
Jan.	91.2	20.0	111.2	134.1	2,520.9
Feb.	96.1	22.3	118.4	154.9	2,541.6
States, February 1977 -					
N.S.W.	30.5	9.9	40.4	53.4	894.3
Vic.	22.1	4.0	26.2	33.9	553.4
Qld	14.5	4.1	18.6	25.0	442.9
S.A.	10.7	1.6	12.2	(a) 16.8	(a) 259.2
W.A.	10.8	1.7	12.4	16.0	236.1
Tas.	4.4	0.4	4.8	6.2	92.0
N.I.	0.9	0.1	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.3	0.4	2.7	3.5	63.7
OTHER BUSINESSES					
1975-76 : Jan.	0.4	15.7	16.1	20.8	174.8
Feb.	0.5	15.9	16.4	20.6	173.1
Mar.	0.8	19.2	19.7	23.6	172.0
Apr.	0.6	20.0	20.6	22.3	171.8
May	0.5	20.7	21.3	22.2	172.5
June	0.7	20.5	21.1	22.7	172.2
1976-77 : July	0.6	22.6	23.2	24.0	174.0
Aug.	0.6	20.7	21.3	23.9	173.6
Sept.	0.6	20.2	20.8	23.8	172.3
Oct.	0.6	21.7	22.3	22.9	173.6
Nov.	0.6	22.4	23.0	23.4	175.3
Dec.	0.7	29.3	30.0	23.7	183.9
Jan.	0.2	16.5	16.7	22.0	180.5
Feb.	0.1	18.3	18.4	23.2	177.5
States, February 1977 -					
N.S.W.	..	6.5	6.5	6.8	59.5
Vic.	..	5.3	5.3	7.1	52.4
Qld	..	1.8	1.8	2.5	16.4
S.A.	..	2.5	2.6	(a) 3.6	(a) 29.4
W.A.	0.1	1.7	1.8	2.5	15.0
Tas.	..	0.4	0.4	0.6	4.2
N.T.	..	..	..	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	..	..	..	0.1	0.4
ALL BUSINESSES					
1975-76 : Jan.	87.1	33.3	120.4	150.0	2,266.1
Feb.	87.0	35.4	122.4	154.3	2,279.8
Mar.	105.2	42.3	147.5	173.6	2,312.1
Apr.	98.8	46.0	144.8	154.5	2,357.5
May	98.6	49.1	147.6	161.5	2,382.5
June	104.6	48.9	153.6	167.8	2,427.4
1976-77 : July	100.8	53.1	153.9	174.9	2,471.7
Aug.	98.6	47.4	146.0	172.6	2,502.5
Sept.	101.9	47.0	149.0	173.4	2,535.0
Oct.	99.3	53.8	153.1	169.7	2,574.8
Nov.	103.2	55.5	158.8	179.1	2,613.6
Dec.	108.2	66.4	174.7	171.7	2,675.6
Jan.	91.5	36.5	127.9	156.1	2,701.4
Feb.	96.2	40.6	136.8	178.1	2,719.1
States, February 1977 -					
N.S.W.	30.5	16.5	46.9	60.2	953.8
Vic.	22.1	9.3	31.4	41.1	605.8
Qld	14.5	5.9	20.4	27.5	459.2
S.A.	10.7	4.1	14.8	(a) 20.4	(a) 288.6
W.A.	10.9	3.4	14.2	18.5	251.2
Tas.	4.4	0.8	5.2	6.8	96.2
N.T.	0.9	0.1	1.1	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	2.3	0.5	2.8	3.6	64.1

(a) Include Northern Territory. (b) Not available separately for publication; included in South Australia.

Producers' materials for use in

Capital equipment

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts, completely knocked-down vehicles and components for the assembly of motor vehicles. (c) Excludes a percentage of piece goods to be sold by retail, and paper to be used solely for wrapping, which are recorded in Classes VI E - J and III respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in Class I C (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage of paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Figures from July 1976 not comparable with previous months because of the change in the basis of valuation of imports to the internationally recognised Brussels Definition of Value. (g) Completely knocked-down vehicles and components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts are recorded in Class I A (5). (h) Includes a percentage of paper to be used solely for wrapping, see note (c) above. (i) Seasonally adjusted figures for 1976-77 are derived from the estimated values of total imports on the old basis of valuation.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES
(\$ million)

Period	Meats	Dairy produce	Wheat and flour	Dried, fresh and pre- served fruit	Sugar	Coal, coke and briquettes	Ores and concentrates	
							Non- ferrous	Iron
1973-74	795.2	145.1	539.2	104.7	223.3	352.3	307.5	498.7
1974-75	443.8	157.4	1,078.6	91.2	644.6	733.4	421.8	706.5
1975-76	667.9	189.5	961.5	96.1	569.9	1,036.2	526.6	771.0
1975-76 -								
Jan.	54.9	12.5	69.3	5.1	23.8	87.7	45.6	74.8
Feb.	56.9	15.3	76.7	2.9	26.1	82.9	54.7	54.9
Mar.	58.0	20.4	89.9	4.9	26.3	80.3	37.9	57.3
Apr.	61.0	12.1	105.5	7.2	44.6	96.2	49.8	67.2
May	67.3	10.2	69.6	12.7	63.6	76.4	43.9	64.9
June	69.9	16.0	77.0	13.2	43.1	126.0	58.0	73.7
1976-77 -								
July	64.8	20.3	76.7	9.5	78.6	95.7	69.3	77.0
Aug.	77.3	15.3	106.4	8.8	66.4	94.0	40.7	81.1
Sept.	69.9	15.0	73.3	7.8	87.0	93.8	53.0	72.3
Oct.	65.2	15.5	74.8	10.4	71.9	82.0	50.3	78.6
Nov.	64.9	14.9	83.1	7.4	72.9	119.4	61.8	71.2
Dec.	50.4	13.5	47.5	4.0	41.8	91.8	51.4	58.5
Jan.	66.4	15.6	72.8	4.5	42.0	127.2	46.0	84.9
Feb.	60.9	13.9	71.7	3.6	28.2	89.0	43.9	97.4

Period	Road motor vehicles	Wool		Total exports of merchandise	Total exports	
		Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
1973-74	176.9	1,156.6	..	6,758.2	6,914	..
1974-75	136.7	753.5	..	8,540.6	8,726	..
1975-76	95.1	961.9	..	9,366.1	9,606	..
1975-76 -						
Jan.	5.1	94.2	72.5	736.6	761	762
Feb.	6.7	102.7	84.8	752.8	768	795
Mar.	6.1	104.7	98.3	780.3	800	845
Apr.	7.0	55.1	53.4	866.4	876	903
May	7.2	70.2	67.1	786.8	805	784
June	13.1	116.0	114.4	959.6	972	964
1976-77 -						
July	8.7	114.7	109.3	969.4	995	1,029
Aug.	9.6	112.7	115.6	964.8	983	994
Sept.	7.0	111.1	169.5	971.8	990	944
Oct.	7.5	105.4	136.9	887.6	902	849
Nov.	7.2	135.5	156.9	979.5	990	1,002
Dec.	6.4	137.7	132.5	846.7	859	841
Jan.	5.6	156.0	125.3	970.2	979	1,035
Feb.	4.7	142.3	119.9	900.5	910	935

PRICES AND WAGES

EXPORT PRICE INDEX NUMBERS (Base : Year 1959-60 = 100)

Figures since June 1969 have been compiled on a basis which incorporates a re-weighting (on a 1969-70 basis) of the items contained in the previous series and the inclusion of some additional items.

Period	Wool	Meats	Dairy produce	Cereals	Dried and canned fruits	Sugar	Hides and tallow	Metals and coal (a)	Gold	All groups (b)
1973-74	172	201	109	184	152	176	161	196	289	160
1974-75	121	132	127	256	176	378	141	263	391	181
1975-76	127	150	122	240	162	335	151	286	359	187
1975-76 -										
Jan.	130	155	120	240	169	317	152	285	352	187
Feb.	130	158	123	241	168	326	156	283	334	187
Mar.	134	162	123	250	157	337	160	286	341	192
Apr.	(c)134	166	117	238	154	342	164	297	333	192
May	137	167	116	241	152	324	181	302	330	193
June	140	169	116	243	151	333	177	307	331	197
1976-77 -										
July	(c)140	156	114	235	154	341	175	316	317	195
Aug.	144	149	114	225	154	322	178	309	272	192
Sept.	147	147	119	224	154	316	185	307	289	192
Oct.	157	144	122	223	152	310	187	305	303	194
Nov.	154	144	122	220	153	300	186	308	330	194
Dec.	180	167	130	219	171	310	194	345	414	213
Jan.	182	174	132	219	167	299	201	338	395	212
Feb.	178	180	133	216	189	304	207	339	409	213

(a) Comprises coal, iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead and silver. Does not include iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands, which however have been included in the "All groups" index from July 1969 on. (b) As from 1969-70 "All groups" includes the following items, in addition to the specified groups: iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands. (c) Nominal.

INDEX OF VALUE OF EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT CONSTANT PRICES (Base : Year 1966-67 = 100)

Period	Food and live animals							All exports of merchandise	
	Meat and meat preparations	Cereal grains and cereal preparations	Other (dairy produce, fruit, sugar, etc.)	Total	Wool and sheep-skins	Metaliferous ores and metal scrap	Metal manufactures, machinery, transport equipment	Other exports	Seasonally adjusted
	Value weight % (a)								
1973-74	9.5	15.8	12.5	37.8	29.7	5.6	14.2	12.7	100.0
1974-75	158	93	112	116	77	553	186	268	158
1974-75	136	140	102	127	75	597	201	271	167
1975-76	181	140	114	142	94	567	184	276	174
1975-76 -									
Sept. qtr	187	120	122	137	95	545	193	279	173
Dec. qtr	169	133	123	139	78	569	190	268	169
Mar. qtr	177	133	92	130	119	561	165	265	173
June qtr	192	173	121	160	85	595	191	290	181
1976-77 p -									
Sept. qtr	224	164	155	176	115	643	205	311	206
Dec. qtr	194	123	142	147	118	583	201	299	190

INDEX OF VALUE OF IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE AT CONSTANT PRICES (Base : Year 1966-67 = 100)

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Fuels	Basic materials	Chemicals (incl. plastics)	Textiles, fabrics, etc.	Metal manu- factures, machinery, transport equipment	Other imports	All imports of merchandise	
	Original							Seasonally adjusted	
Value weight % (a)	5.2	8.2	7.4	9.9	8.0	43.3	18.0	100.0	..
1973-74	156	67	152	176	208	165	212	169	..
1974-75	161	63	110	167	138	188	217	170	..
1975-76	150	60	113	137	188	162	211	158	..
1975-76 -									
Sept. qtr	148	58	107	118	161	165	208	154	150
Dec. qtr	151	63	109	131	215	156	199	155	149
Mar. qtr	156	63	119	139	189	157	223	159	164
June qtr	144	57	115	162	187	169	213	163	169
1976-77 p -									
Sept. qtr	165	79	113	165	200	171	242	173	169
Dec. qtr	189	55	127	163	206	177	238	176	169

(a) Weighting pattern as at 1966-67. These percentages may be used in analysing the contribution of each group to movements in the total index.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES (Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1973-74	144.1	148.0	149.0	145.8	142.9	143.8	145.8
1974-75	176.0	180.6	186.6	181.0	176.7	179.3	179.2
1975-76	199.0	209.4	216.3	210.4	208.3	210.4	206.2
1975-76 -							
Feb.	200.4	210.9	217.8	211.6	209.7	211.5	207.6
Mar.	204.4	215.8	223.4	217.3	214.5	217.8	212.3
Apr.	208.6	219.4	227.2	221.7	219.8	220.3	216.3
May	211.2	222.2	228.9	223.7	221.8	222.1	218.8
June	212.2	224.3	231.0	225.3	223.9	223.9	220.4
1976-77 -							
July	213.4	225.4	232.9	226.9	225.3	225.5	221.7
Aug.	214.0	227.1	234.0	228.1	226.6	227.8	222.8
Sept.	214.8	228.5	235.0	228.7	227.9	229.2	223.9
Oct.	215.9	229.8	236.1	229.5	230.2	230.3	225.1
Nov.	218.0	231.2	238.4	230.9	232.0	231.7	226.9
Dec.	220.0	234.1	240.7	233.3	234.3	234.6	229.3
Jan.	221.9	235.5	241.9	234.8	235.8	235.4	230.8
Feb. p	225.0	237.9	244.2	237.0	237.7	237.3	233.4
Mar. p	227.1	239.5	246.0	238.5	242.2	239.1	235.5

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES (Base: Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
Value weight (%)	10.41	3.64	5.28	11.90	30.58	6.01	2.59	1.19	7.09	8.61	12.70	100.00
1973-74	136.0	147.7	146.3	160.2	148.8	138.4	158.5	159.6	134.2	138.3	143.9	145.8
1974-75	164.6	183.9	179.4	194.1	189.2	169.2	162.7	197.7	163.4	157.4	181.3	179.2
1975-76	193.0	220.0	202.7	214.3	219.1	193.6	173.3	232.1	186.8	177.4	201.3	206.2
1975-76 -												
Feb.	195.7	223.8	204.9	219.1	225.2	196.3	171.6	235.2	189.0	178.6	200.5	207.6
Mar.	199.2	226.4	206.7	225.1	232.8	198.5	175.3	239.3	190.2	181.5	204.9	212.3
Apr.	201.3	228.6	210.1	227.9	238.4	199.1	183.2	242.5	192.8	187.9	208.6	216.3
May	204.5	233.0	213.9	229.5	239.9	203.5	189.5	245.3	195.5	191.8	209.9	218.8
June	204.7	237.6	215.5	231.0	242.0	204.9	190.0	245.6	196.1	192.4	211.8	220.4
1976-77 -												
July	206.9	238.2	216.4	232.9	242.7	206.0	196.4	246.0	196.8	195.0	212.8	221.7
Aug.	208.7	238.4	217.9	234.1	243.6	205.9	195.4	247.2	197.2	194.4	216.1	222.8
Sept.	211.0	238.9	219.8	236.1	244.3	209.0	193.6	250.9	199.1	193.1	216.6	223.9
Oct.	211.5	241.7	222.4	236.9	246.1	210.0	187.5	252.4	200.9	191.4	219.3	225.1
Nov.	214.4	243.6	222.4	237.7	250.1	210.7	183.6	252.2	202.1	191.3	220.3	226.9
Dec.	214.2	244.6	223.3	239.7	252.0	212.3	190.3	251.7	203.0	195.7	226.6	229.3
Jan.	217.3	245.2	224.8	243.1	252.7	212.9	192.8	251.2	203.8	198.6	227.3	230.8
Feb. p	220.4	246.2	225.8	248.6	254.2	216.1	198.2	251.7	205.2	202.7	229.4	233.4
Mar. p	220.5	247.6	227.8	251.0	256.1	218.2	201.0	252.3	209.2	206.6	231.1	235.5

(a) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding off the index numbers to the nearest whole number. (b) The Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING

A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973. The separate city indexes shown below measure price movements within each city individually. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base - Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1973-74	158.0	147.8	152.2	157.2	141.8	145.5	151.3
1974-75	189.4	178.4	187.0	195.4	172.4	179.1	183.4
1975-76	211.1	200.1	218.5	222.5	201.9	209.2	208.1
1975-76 -							
Feb.	211.6	200.8	221.0	223.2	203.6	209.5	209.1
Mar.	215.3	204.2	225.2	225.8	206.0	216.1	212.5
Apr.	218.6	208.1	228.9	231.3	212.4	218.9	216.7
May	221.7	210.7	230.5	237.6	214.1	221.0	219.5
June	224.2	212.6	233.6	238.3	217.0	223.4	221.9
1976-77 -							
July	225.3	214.8	234.8	241.4	218.2	224.4	223.4
Aug.	225.8	216.2	235.4	243.2	220.6	229.2	224.7
Sept.	226.6	218.3	237.0	243.9	223.3	230.2	226.3
Oct.	228.1	218.8	237.8	245.3	225.7	230.9	227.5
Nov.	230.2	219.4	240.3	246.4	226.7	231.7	228.9
Dec.	231.9	221.7	241.0	247.7	227.4	234.0	230.5
Jan.	236.1	224.7	242.0	250.1	229.1	235.4	233.5
Feb. p	240.0	227.2	248.4	254.5	230.7	239.1	236.8
Mar. p	241.8	228.4	249.7	256.2	237.1	239.8	239.1

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base - Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
Value weight (%)	5.73	8.10	12.85	36.16	5.86	7.20	3.74	1.63	3.13	5.64	7.96	100.00
1973-74	137.5	154.3	146.8	169.1	153.8	146.3	143.2	146.4	117.7	122.2	135.0	151.3
1974-75	165.7	193.1	180.3	203.5	192.1	170.3	174.5	168.3	146.4	147.8	161.5	183.4
1975-76	195.1	227.0	205.1	226.2	229.3	187.1	201.5	183.5	165.9	167.7	187.9	208.1
1975-76 -												
Feb.	197.0	229.3	206.6	225.7	232.1	186.8	203.8	182.6	168.5	172.1	189.4	209.1
Mar.	201.9	232.4	208.4	230.8	235.7	190.2	206.0	184.8	170.5	172.3	190.7	212.5
Apr.	204.4	238.8	213.4	234.7	244.1	194.5	209.3	188.6	172.3	172.4	195.7	216.7
May	206.6	240.5	216.8	237.1	247.2	197.8	213.7	194.0	175.7	173.8	197.3	219.5
June	207.3	244.9	219.4	240.0	250.7	198.7	216.1	200.8	176.5	175.4	200.0	221.9
1976-77 -												
July	209.6	247.8	219.6	241.9	251.7	202.2	216.4	201.3	177.5	175.5	200.8	223.4
Aug.	211.4	249.0	221.5	242.9	254.1	202.1	218.9	200.1	179.4	175.9	201.8	224.7
Sept.	213.5	249.7	224.5	244.7	254.6	203.2	221.2	198.1	179.7	176.1	204.4	226.3
Oct.	214.0	253.7	226.6	245.6	255.7	202.9	223.0	195.1	180.3	177.4	206.9	227.5
Nov.	216.7	256.7	227.0	247.1	261.7	202.5	223.3	194.0	180.5	177.7	207.7	228.9
Dec.	216.5	259.1	227.3	249.1	264.1	205.8	223.4	199.1	181.0	177.9	209.0	230.5
Jan.	219.0	260.6	228.2	254.7	264.9	208.7	223.3	200.9	182.3	178.0	210.3	233.5
Feb. p	222.2	263.3	229.4	260.6	267.2	210.9	226.5	203.5	183.4	180.8	211.2	236.8
Mar. p	222.1	265.0	231.7	263.3	269.4	212.3	227.2	204.6	184.1	181.2	217.8	239.1

(a) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding off the index numbers to the nearest whole number.

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) GROUP INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the index is contained in the initial bulletin (Reference No. 9.13) of 4 July 1975.

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)(b)

Period	Manufactured materials (imported)(c)				Other materials (imported and home produced)(d)			Total imported materials	Total home produced materials	All groups
	Chemicals	Metal manu- factures components for trans- port equip- ment and machinery	Other manu- factured materials (c)	Food, live animals and tobacco	Crude materials (excl. fuels)	Electricity gas and fuels				
Value weight (%)	6.67	5.21	5.76	45.87	20.66	15.83	27.16	72.84	100.00	
1973-74	96.3	118.6	106.1	145.9	140.7	126.2	127.1	137.6	134.7	
1974-75	141.9	148.7	137.4	132.4	149.3	179.5	181.5	131.6	145.1	
1975-76	149.4	179.6	148.4	132.5	162.6	229.0	202.9	141.9	158.5	
1975-76 —										
Jan.	150.4	183.6	148.3	134.9	160.3	237.3	205.7	143.9	160.7	
Feb.	151.1	185.1	148.3	134.3	162.2	238.4	206.6	144.1	161.1	
Mar.	150.6	185.9	149.7	133.7	165.1	238.1	207.6	144.3	161.5	
Apr.	150.7	186.6	150.7	131.2	170.2	238.8	209.3	143.8	161.6	
May	150.7	188.3	151.3	132.8	174.7	239.5	210.4	146.0	163.5	
June	151.6	189.8	151.9	138.1	177.6	240.7	212.0	150.1	166.9	
1976-77 —										
July	151.6	192.0	152.9	142.4	183.0	241.0	212.0	154.7	170.2	
Aug.	152.7	192.4	153.7	150.4	180.9	239.9	213.3	158.5	173.4	
Sept.	152.0	194.5	154.0	153.1	178.3	239.6	213.9	159.3	174.1	
Oct.	151.5	192.4	154.8	151.6	181.0	241.0	214.4	159.1	174.1	
Nov.	151.3	194.8	154.6	144.4	179.6	241.2	215.4	154.0	170.7	
Dec.	164.9	211.9	162.1	146.6	193.4	252.5	233.1	158.2	178.6	
Jan. p	164.3	221.4	169.5	151.5	194.5	259.0	239.6	161.8	182.9	
Feb. p	165.6	224.5	171.6	154.6	199.4	270.1	247.6	165.1	187.5	

(a) The index is on a net basis and relates in concept only to materials that enter Australia: manufacturing industry from other sectors of the Australian economy or from overseas. (b) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortion that would occur in rounding the index numbers to the nearest whole number. (c) Excluding the manufactured imported crude materials listed in footnote (d). (d) Includes imported fuel oil and the following manufactured imported crude materials: synthetic rubber, hardwood, softwood, woodpulp, synthetic fibre, vegetable oils.

PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY (a) DIVISION AND SUB-DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS

A detailed description of the indexes is contained in the initial bulletin (Reference No. 9.14) of 26 October 1976

(Base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0)(d)

Selected net sub-division indexes (b)									
Period	All Manuf- acturing Industry Index (c)	Food, beverages and tobacco			Wood, wood products and furniture (25)	Glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products (28)	Fabricated metal products (31)	Transport equipment (32)	Other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances (33)
		Total (21-22)	Excluding meat and abattoirs by-products, and raw sugar	Clothing and footwear (24)					
1973-74	134.6	142.8	129.5	136.7	148.8	129.6	142.3	124.9	132.4
1974-75	158.1	153.0	151.7	161.3	190.0	158.3	183.2	151.2	158.9
1975-76	177.8	163.5	168.5	185.3	219.9	183.2	217.1	175.8	179.2
1975-76 -									
Dec.	176.7	163.1	167.9	181.8	219.5	181.1	215.5	174.9	178.6
Jan.	178.3	164.8	170.0	185.6	220.4	184.0	216.8	176.8	179.6
Feb.	179.9	166.8	171.2	189.3	222.3	185.6	219.2	178.0	180.4
Mar.	181.8	167.1	171.8	192.0	224.8	187.9	226.2	179.5	182.7
Apr.	184.0	168.7	173.0	192.4	229.0	189.4	228.7	181.9	184.9
May	185.6	168.1	173.8	194.7	234.1	193.2	231.1	183.6	188.2
June	186.8	168.0	175.0	196.0	235.2	195.0	233.7	187.0	189.6
1976-77 -									
July	188.1	170.7	176.6	198.0	237.2	195.8	235.2	188.0	191.0
Aug.	189.7	173.0	178.1	204.0	237.3	196.8	236.4	188.7	192.8
Sept.	190.5	174.2	178.7	205.0	237.4	198.0	237.5	190.8	193.7
Oct.	191.5	175.1	180.5	205.3	240.0	199.4	240.5	191.8	193.9
Nov.	192.9	175.3	181.5	206.2	244.0	201.3	243.0	192.2	194.6
Dec. p	195.6	178.6	183.0	206.2	245.2	201.8	245.4	194.6	196.4
Jan. p	198.0	180.7	184.9	207.1	248.7	203.0	246.1	195.6	199.8

(a) For a full description of Division C, 'Manufacturing' and the selected sub-divisions see Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), Preliminary Edition, 1969. (b) Indexes for the remaining sub-divisions of Manufacturing Division are in process of development. The indexes are on a 'net sub-division' basis: see paragraphs 3 and 6. ASIC sub-division codes are shown in brackets at the head of the columns. (c) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division; see paragraphs 3 and 5. (d) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding the index numbers to the nearest whole number.

PRICE INDEX OF METALLIC MATERIALS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS

A detailed description of the index is contained in Labour Report No. 58, 1973
 GROUP INDEX NUMBERS (Base of each index: Year 1968-69 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Iron and Steel	Aluminium	Copper and brass	Other metallic materials	All groups
Value weight (%)	83.2%	8.9%	5.7%	2.2%	100.0%
1973-74	131.7	118.2	138.1	151.3	131.3
1974-75	161.1	141.9	131.1	192.4	158.4
1975-76	200.2	158.0	137.5	207.8	193.1
1975-76 -					
Feb.	200.7	159.4	134.6	196.1	193.2
Mar.	212.3	161.6	138.4	204.7	203.4
Apr.	217.7	161.8	148.6	210.0	208.6
May	217.8	166.1	155.2	216.1	209.6
June	218.4	166.1	153.7	231.0	210.4
1976-77 -					
July	219.6	169.0	162.2	229.7	212.0
Aug.	219.6	169.2	158.3	209.2	211.4
Sept.	219.7	174.3	155.3	203.3	211.6
Oct.	226.4	175.6	149.8	206.6	217.1
Nov.	229.6	175.9	143.9	215.6	219.6
Dec.	230.0	175.9	155.5	241.3	221.2
Jan.	230.0	174.8	158.4	237.1	221.2
Feb.	230.4	174.8	162.9	243.3	221.9
Mar. p	231.8	182.6	165.1	254.5	224.1

(a) Figures are published to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding off the index numbers to the nearest whole number.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES, VARIOUS COUNTRIES

(Base of each index: Year 1970 = 100.0)

(Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations)

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries. A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g., -107.6-) indicates that the two series have been linked at that period.

Period	Australia (a)	Belgium (b)	Brazil (Sao Paulo) (c)	Canada	France	Federal Republic of Germany	India	Indonesia (Jakarta)	Italy	Japan (d)	Netherlands
1974	141.5	132.6	144.3	128.6	136.7	127.1	165.2	204.8	146.3	154.1	137.3
1975	162.8	149.5	187.9	142.5	152.8	134.7	174.5	243.8	171.1	172.4	151.3
1976	184.9	163.2	254.3	153.2	166.9	140.8	160.9	292.2	199.8	188.4	164.6
1975 -											
Sept. qtr	162.6	151.1	194.5	144.9	153.9	135.5	174.7	245.6	172.6	173.1	152.9
Dec. qtr	171.6	155.4	206.5	147.9	157.3	136.7	169.7	261.7	177.6	177.8	156.4
1976 -											
Mar. qtr	176.7	158.6	225.9	149.8	161.1	139.0	158.3	277.5	185.0	182.0	159.1
June qtr	181.2	161.9	245.0	152.1	164.8	141.1	157.6	285.9	196.7	187.7	164.3
Sept. qtr	185.2	164.9	263.3	154.3	168.6	141.2	162.5	299.4	202.2	189.8	165.5
Dec. qtr	196.3	167.6	282.9	156.6	172.9	142.0	165.9	306.1	215.1	194.5	169.6
Period	New Zealand	Norway	Pakistan (Karachi) (e)	Philippines (Manila)	Singapore (f)	South Africa (g)	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	United States of America	West Malaysia
1974	141.8	-133.9-	164.0	214.7	122.3	138.1	133.5	135.7	148.4	127.0	136.0
1975	162.6	149.5	198.2	234.6	125.5	156.7	146.6	144.8	184.4	138.6	142.2
1976	190.2	163.2	212.4		123.1	174.1	161.7	147.3	214.9	146.6	
1975 -											
Sept. qtr	165.4	151.9	201.9	234.6	125.7	159.2	148.7	145.5	190.8	140.1	142.1
Dec. qtr	172.2	154.4	205.7	238.1	125.0	163.1	152.2	146.4	197.3	142.3	142.4
1976 -											
Mar. qtr	179.8	158.0	205.3	247.3	124.9	166.7	156.6	147.1	204.4	143.7	144.5
June qtr	187.8	162.4	208.6		122.7	172.0	160.5	146.8	211.9	145.5	144.9
Sept. qtr	193.7	165.6	213.5		122.2	177.1	162.8	147.3	216.8	147.8	146.4
Dec. qtr	199.1	166.7	222.3		122.6	180.8	166.8	147.9	226.8	149.4	

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base: 1970 = 100.0. (b) Rent is not included. (c) Beginning 1972, base: 1972 = 100.0. (d) Excluding Okinawa prefecture. (e) Prior to 1972, Karachi only: industrial workers. Beginning 1972, base: 1971 = 100.0. (f) Beginning 1974, new series, base: 1973 = 100.0. (g) White population.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index has been compiled for periods from September quarter 1948. The composition of groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction of the ninth Consumer Price Index series from December quarter 1976. A brief description of the latest link is contained in the Appendix to the December quarter 1976 *Consumer Price Index* bulletin (Reference No. 9.1).

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted) (a)

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (b)	Recreation (c)	All groups
1973-74	149.5	143.0	157.8	129.6	144.9	145.2	149.0	...	146.6
1974-75	164.0	173.0	187.4	153.8	173.0	170.4	186.5	...	171.1
1975-76	180.2	201.0	221.1	178.3	203.8	211.1	151.6	...	193.3
1975-76 -									
Dec. qtr	176.9	200.0	218.4	178.4	203.0	216.1	144.3	...	191.7
Mar. qtr	185.7	202.6	224.6	181.9	208.7	220.6	149.6	...	197.4
June qtr	186.6	214.4	233.9	186.5	211.2	235.8	156.9	...	202.4
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	192.3	218.1	241.1	189.9	215.2	226.1	161.5	100.0	206.9
Dec. qtr	199.6	232.1	249.4	193.0	218.6	229.2	295.4	101.6	219.3
Mar. qtr	203.4	235.6	255.0	198.9	225.0	230.3	301.3	105.8	224.3

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS
SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA
(Base of each Index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
1973-74	146.6	151.3	144.0	146.1	143.9	140.6	142.6	142.8
1974-75	171.1	176.1	167.9	168.7	169.7	166.1	166.7	164.9
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3
1975-76 -								
Dec. qtr	191.7	196.9	188.4	189.6	188.6	187.7	189.1	186.9
Mar. qtr	197.4	203.1	193.4	195.6	195.6	193.9	192.2	191.6
June qtr	202.4	207.6	198.3	200.1	200.4	200.4	200.6	197.7
1976-77 -								
Sept. qtr	206.9	211.1	203.2	205.1	205.5	205.4	205.5	201.9
Dec. qtr	219.3	222.8	215.3	217.8	220.0	219.0	217.2	213.0
Mar. qtr	224.3	227.4	221.0	222.5	224.7	224.0	221.4	216.5

(a) Figures appearing after the decimal point possess little significance for general statistical purposes. They are inserted to avoid the distortions that would occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number. (b) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (c) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK

End of —	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia	
							Rates	Index Nos (Base: Year 1954 = 100)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE (a)								
Adult Males								
June —								
1973	74.69	74.67	75.49	72.56	72.64	74.94	74.47	263.7
1974	95.63	95.60	96.89	93.49	90.46	95.39	95.24	337.2
1975	113.31	112.73	115.83	111.01	106.35	112.59	112.78	399.3
1975-76 —								
Dec.	118.70	117.32	121.48	115.13	113.32	117.27	117.95	417.6
Jan.	119.08	117.32	121.58	115.13	113.99	117.71	118.18	418.4
Feb.	126.62	124.68	129.37	122.72	121.67	125.05	125.71	445.1
Mar.	126.63	124.71	129.64	122.76	121.73	125.05	125.76	445.3
Apr.	126.69	124.74	129.73	123.09	121.83	125.07	125.85	445.6
May	130.37	128.35	133.57	126.73	125.37	128.72	129.51	458.6
June	130.46	128.58	133.61	126.79	125.43	128.75	129.63	459.0
1976-77 —								
July	130.50	128.62	133.61	126.80	125.54	128.76	129.66	459.1
Aug.	133.09	131.17	136.12	129.36	128.51	131.30	132.25	468.3
Sept.	133.11	131.17	136.12	129.37	128.57	131.30	132.27	468.3
Oct.	133.09	131.17	136.12	129.37	128.64	131.30	132.26	468.3
Nov.	135.81	133.97	139.14	132.16	131.00	134.10	135.03	478.1
Dec.	135.85	133.97	139.14	132.17	131.00	134.10	135.05	478.2
Jan.	135.94	133.97	139.14	132.21	131.04	134.10	135.09	478.3
Adult Females								
June —								
1973	59.84	58.58	57.18	57.85	57.73	57.90	58.85	295.6
1974	82.78	80.84	76.96	78.00	75.41	76.30	80.65	405.1
1975	105.22	104.98	102.88	99.42	98.29	101.04	104.02	522.5
1975-76 —								
Dec.	109.27	109.20	110.22	103.34	104.94	105.56	108.61	545.6
Jan.	109.29	109.20	110.22	103.49	104.94	105.56	108.63	545.7
Feb.	116.23	116.17	118.13	113.15	111.19	112.33	115.84	581.9
Mar.	116.23	116.24	118.13	113.41	111.58	112.33	115.90	582.2
Apr.	116.44	116.49	118.32	116.35	111.75	112.44	116.32	584.3
May	120.16	119.90	121.85	119.84	114.90	115.98	119.87	602.1
June	120.16	119.90	122.04	119.84	115.30	115.98	119.91	602.3
1976-77 —								
July	120.16	119.90	122.04	119.84	116.09	115.98	119.95	602.5
Aug.	122.71	122.42	124.51	122.35	118.31	118.49	122.45	615.1
Sept.	122.71	122.42	124.51	122.35	118.32	118.49	122.45	615.1
Oct.	122.71	122.42	124.51	122.35	118.69	118.49	122.47	615.2
Nov.	125.39	125.09	127.61	125.04	120.96	121.10	125.17	628.8
Dec.	125.39	125.09	127.61	125.11	120.96	121.10	125.18	628.8
Jan.	125.39	125.09	127.61	125.11	120.96	121.10	125.18	628.8
WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK (b) JANUARY 1977								
Adult males	39.74	39.92	39.84	39.92	39.80	39.89	39.83	99.67
Adult females	39.53	39.81	39.70	39.77	39.78	39.63	39.67	100.00

(a) For a full weeks work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and collective agreements. The wage rates for adult males exclude rural industry. The wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying and building and construction. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. Figures for the last twelve months are subject to revision. (b) The hours for adult males exclude rural industry; and shipping and stevedoring. The hours for adult females exclude rural industry; mining and quarrying; and building and construction.

NOTE: For further information regarding these statistics reference should be made to the monthly bulletin *Wage Rates and Earnings* (Reference: No. 6.16).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (a)

Original Series. Estimates of average weekly earnings are made each quarter in respect of both full-time and part-time civilian wage and salary earners in all industries combined. The earnings figures used in the calculation of the averages comprise award and over-award wages and salaries, the earnings of employees not covered by awards, overtime earnings, etc., and includes payments made retrospectively or in advance during the quarter. Particulars of employment and wages and salaries are derived from payroll tax returns and from direct returns from government and other bodies. For a more detailed explanation of the methods used, see *Average Weekly Earnings* (Reference No. 6.18).

Seasonally adjusted series. Quarterly estimates are affected by seasonal influences. For example special payments, including prepayments for holiday periods tend to raise the December quarter and to depress the March quarter averages. In addition, figures for all quarters are affected by the varying incidence of pay-days in successive quarters. Allowance for the varying incidence of pay-days and for seasonal factors has been made in calculating the seasonally adjusted estimates. It should also be noted that seasonal adjustment factors were estimated from a series adjusted to allow for the effects of major awards and determinations of Federal and State industrial authorities. The effects of these awards and determinations are retained in the seasonally adjusted data. A detailed description of the methods of seasonal adjustment is given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (Reference No. 1.10).

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Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (b)	A.C.T. (b)	Aust.
ORIGINAL									
1973-74	121.00	118.40	112.60	110.60	115.50	110.20	118.00
1974-75	151.90	148.30	141.80	139.80	146.00	138.90	169.80	185.90	148.20
1975-76	172.10	170.70	162.90	158.40	168.60	157.60	193.20	210.40	169.30
1975-76 —									
Sept. qtr	160.20	158.70	150.50	148.30	159.00	149.90	191.00	202.70	157.70
Dec. qtr	177.40	177.90	169.40	163.30	171.40	164.80	194.30	211.30	175.10
Mar. qtr	167.90	165.70	157.70	154.80	165.00	151.00	189.80	207.20	165.00
June qtr	183.00	180.30	174.10	167.00	179.10	164.80	197.70	224.30	179.30
1976-77 —									
Sept. qtr	186.70	182.70	181.10	174.40	184.30	174.60	201.90	230.80	184.30
Dec. qtr	195.30	195.40	187.20	182.20	192.90	185.90	218.80	245.40	193.50
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 —									
Sept. qtr	162.90	159.80	152.30	148.40	159.90	151.80	187.70	201.50	159.50
Dec. qtr	168.50	168.20	160.30	157.00	166.60	153.70	188.10	212.20	166.70
Mar. qtr	172.80	172.20	165.00	159.00	169.70	158.40	190.70	215.20	170.50
June qtr	182.00	180.30	171.90	166.60	176.90	163.60	196.20	222.00	178.10
1976-77 —									
Sept. qtr	186.20	182.10	181.20	173.40	182.00	175.00	204.60	232.40	184.30
Dec. qtr	188.60	186.40	p179.20	176.10	189.00	176.50	p207.20	p240.90	186.00

(a) Particulars of wages and salaries paid are not available for males and females separately; estimates have therefore been calculated in terms of male units, i.e. total male employees plus a proportion of female employees, the proportion being derived from the estimated ratio of female to male average earnings in each State. The ratio used in the current quarter for Australia is approximately 66 per cent. For further details on the separate State ratios see *Average Weekly Earnings* (Reference No. 6.18). (b) Original series estimates have been calculated on a basis which excludes the effects of varying numbers of Australian Government pay-days in each quarter. Estimates prior to December quarter 1973 are not available.

BUILDING, ETC.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING APPROVED : ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

New dwellings								
Period	Private			Government		Total		
	Number ('000)			Number ('000)		Number ('000)		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	Value (\$m)	Number ('000)	Value (\$m)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	Value (\$m)
1973-74	165.0	..	2,457.0	14.8	195.7	179.7	..	2,652.8
1974-75	101.5	..	1,891.4	19.8	354.8	121.3	..	2,246.2
1975-76	134.2	..	3,007.2	11.9	249.6	146.1	..	3,256.8
1975-76 -								
Feb.	11.0	12.1	248.8	0.7	13.0	11.7	12.8	261.8
Mar.	12.7	11.3	293.9	0.9	17.4	13.7	12.1	311.3
Apr.	11.7	12.8	277.9	0.5	9.5	12.2	13.3	287.4
May	11.7	11.2	284.1	1.6	29.7	13.3	12.5	313.8
June	12.3	10.8	298.4	2.4	48.0	14.7	13.0	346.5
1976-77 -								
July	11.8	11.3	287.8	0.7	16.5	12.6	12.0	304.3
Aug.	11.4	10.8	279.6	0.8	16.2	12.2	11.8	295.8
Sept.	12.4	11.3	304.4	1.6	34.9	14.0	13.1	339.2
Oct.	11.6	12.0	287.5	1.3	26.6	12.9	13.1	314.1
Nov.	12.1	11.5	299.1	1.4	30.1	13.5	12.7	329.2
Dec.	10.6	11.4	267.3	1.0	22.8	11.6	12.5	290.2
Jan.	8.5	11.7	219.1	1.3	29.6	9.8	13.4	248.8
Feb.	9.1	10.2	231.0	1.7	36.9	10.8	12.0	267.9
Mar.	9.8	8.6	254.6	0.9	20.0	10.7	9.3	274.6
Other building (c)								
Period	Alterations and additions to dwellings (b)	Original			Seasonally adjusted (a)	Total building approved		
		Private		Total	Total	Value		
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	
\$ million								
1973-74	67.2	1,150.1	1,884.3	..	4,604.3	..		
1974-75	100.8	829.8	1,786.3	..	4,133.3	..		
1975-76	211.1	945.7	1,876.1	..	5,344.1	..		
1975-76 -								
Feb.	17.4	65.7	117.0	125.6	396.2	426.5		
Mar.	19.1	78.9	147.0	131.4	477.4	437.4		
Apr.	17.8	81.8	182.1	202.0	487.3	531.4		
May	19.9	91.7	217.8	200.5	551.5	528.5		
June	22.6	86.4	156.5	118.1	525.5	425.8		
1976-77 -								
July	21.6	93.6	168.5	153.9	494.4	452.8		
Aug.	20.2	79.8	123.2	140.7	439.2	459.3		
Sept.	22.3	100.0	181.7	202.5	543.3	540.7		
Oct.	22.6	88.6	159.2	154.8	495.9	494.8		
Nov.	22.2	87.7	183.6	178.5	535.0	510.3		
Dec.	18.7	113.1	213.0	228.8	521.9	558.5		
Jan.	18.6	74.3	137.5	175.9	404.9	537.3		
Feb.	17.8	93.4	157.2	168.4	442.9	481.1		
Mar.	20.3	100.5	208.8	186.5	503.7	457.3		

(a) Account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but additionally of 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying number of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of Easter which may in successive years affect figures for different months.
 (b) Valued at \$10,000 and over. (c) Includes other building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$10,000 and over.

NOTE: Statistics on alterations and additions to dwellings, valued at \$2,000 - \$9,999 are collected but not included in the tabulations. The total value of building approved in this category in March 1977 was \$25.6m.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NUMBERS OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED									
1973-74	59,453	44,526	31,681	16,633	16,621	4,173	1,993	4,640	179,720
1974-75	38,125	30,611	18,109	12,680	12,802	3,322	1,521	4,153	121,323
1975-76	32,133	39,398	24,609	16,815	21,387	4,436	2,793	4,542	146,113
1975-76 -									
Feb.	2,603	3,144	2,013	1,200	1,905	352	66	404	11,687
Mar.	2,805	3,964	2,408	1,442	2,222	362	123	335	13,661
Apr.	2,722	3,416	1,826	1,491	1,762	424	95	506	12,242
May	2,911	3,598	1,879	1,902	2,004	423	190	385	13,292
June	3,298	3,939	2,165	2,229	2,070	377	325	257	14,660
1976-77 -									
July	3,069	3,606	2,162	1,188	1,668	371	91	426	12,581
Aug.	3,036	3,251	2,109	1,478	1,572	377	119	273	12,215
Sept.	3,761	3,362	2,733	1,668	1,658	439	162	228	14,011
Oct.	3,112	3,298	2,325	1,395	1,813	448	182	296	12,869
Nov.	3,799	3,477	2,477	1,210	1,742	337	99	335	13,476
Dec.	2,955	3,137	2,087	1,119	1,595	333	110	236	11,572
Jan.	3,232	1,823	1,617	1,282	1,295	210	168	184	9,811
Feb.	2,585	3,560	1,654	783	1,484	383	174	212	10,835
Mar.	2,488	3,090	2,097	979	1,424	408	83	109	10,678

VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1973-74	870.1	658.2	472.9	227.3	236.6	60.6	36.7	90.3	2,652.8
1974-75	683.6	590.4	334.8	214.6	220.7	61.1	43.6	97.2	2,246.2
1975-76	704.0	907.2	508.7	360.2	438.5	101.5	97.2	139.4	3,256.8
1975-76 -									
Feb.	55.9	70.9	42.5	26.5	42.6	7.9	2.3	13.2	261.8
Mar.	63.5	93.0	50.9	32.4	48.0	8.3	4.3	10.9	311.3
Apr.	62.7	81.1	42.4	33.8	38.5	10.0	3.4	15.6	287.4
May	67.8	91.9	42.5	36.8	45.7	11.0	5.7	12.3	313.8
June	75.3	96.8	49.4	48.5	45.7	9.0	12.5	9.1	346.5
1976-77 -									
July	72.7	91.0	47.9	28.6	39.0	9.7	3.1	12.4	304.3
Aug.	70.8	83.5	50.1	33.0	36.6	9.4	3.7	8.8	295.8
Sept.	85.2	87.3	62.2	39.8	39.8	11.1	6.2	7.6	339.2
Oct.	74.4	84.2	53.5	32.6	44.0	11.1	5.0	9.3	314.1
Nov.	87.0	89.1	58.1	30.3	42.1	8.7	4.1	9.7	329.2
Dec.	72.9	82.1	49.3	29.3	38.6	8.0	3.0	6.8	290.2
Jan.	78.3	50.6	38.6	32.3	32.0	5.2	6.0	5.8	248.8
Feb.	62.2	89.3	39.1	20.5	35.6	9.4	5.2	6.7	267.9
Mar.	61.9	83.9	52.3	24.8	35.6	9.9	2.5	3.8	274.6

VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS APPROVED (\$m) (a)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1973-74	38.8	13.7	4.9	1.8	2.9	0.8	0.5	3.8	67.2
1974-75	48.1	27.8	7.2	5.1	4.7	1.7	1.5	4.6	100.8
1975-76	77.2	53.2	11.3	12.2	10.2	2.3	35.2	9.6	211.1
1975-76 -									
Feb.	5.8	4.2	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.1	3.2	1.3	17.4
Mar.	7.0	5.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.3	2.1	0.8	19.1
Apr.	7.0	4.8	1.0	1.3	1.0	0.2	1.6	0.9	17.8
May	7.5	5.0	1.1	0.9	1.3	0.3	2.9	0.9	19.9
June	7.5	5.5	1.2	1.7	1.1	0.3	4.6	0.6	22.6
1976-77 -									
July	7.7	6.4	1.5	1.2	1.1	0.3	2.4	0.9	21.6
Aug.	8.3	6.4	1.2	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	20.2
Sept.	7.7	6.9	1.7	1.5	1.4	0.3	2.1	0.8	22.3
Oct.	8.7	6.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	0.4	1.4	0.9	22.6
Nov.	8.2	7.3	1.6	1.5	1.2	0.3	1.3	0.9	22.2
Dec.	6.7	6.5	0.7	1.8	1.3	0.3	1.0	0.5	18.7
Jan.	8.4	4.3	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.3	1.7	0.6	18.6
Feb.	6.7	5.5	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	17.8
Mar.	6.8	6.8	1.5	1.8	1.4	0.2	0.9	0.8	20.3

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

BUILDING JOBS APPROVED - continued

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)									
1973-74	595.0	483.8	266.7	165.8	195.4	39.4	62.6	75.7	1,884.3
1974-75	486.5	470.5	268.3	150.2	170.4	49.2	26.3	164.8	1,786.3
1975-76	554.1	512.8	370.5	99.4	182.5	54.8	41.7	60.2	1,876.1
1975-76 -									
Feb.	26.0	39.5	26.4	4.5	14.2	2.4	1.4	2.6	117.0
Mar.	35.1	47.1	21.4	6.9	14.8	8.0	2.9	10.7	147.0
Apr.	51.2	58.8	45.7	8.2	12.3	1.4	2.4	2.1	182.1
May	41.0	45.1	60.4	11.8	32.8	13.5	3.3	9.9	217.8
June	35.7	41.0	33.3	9.2	25.5	2.7	1.2	7.7	156.5
1976-77 -									
July	56.8	40.8	27.1	10.9	15.0	4.0	6.2	7.7	168.5
Aug.	28.8	43.4	19.8	10.5	12.1	4.5	2.7	1.3	123.2
Sept.	59.0	45.7	33.6	13.7	14.5	5.3	4.1	5.8	181.7
Oct.	36.9	41.9	29.6	10.0	24.2	9.8	4.6	2.2	159.2
Nov.	55.3	36.7	20.4	10.3	19.4	8.3	6.6	26.6	183.6
Dec.	87.8	41.1	24.1	19.0	20.6	4.8	2.9	12.6	213.0
Jan.	51.1	28.3	16.3	11.6	20.5	7.4	1.4	1.0	137.5
Feb.	46.1	41.0	15.6	18.4	16.3	9.5	7.5	2.7	157.2
Mar.	56.4	52.8	43.2	12.8	17.0	10.8	0.7	15.0	208.8

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED (\$m)

1973-74	1,503.9	1,155.7	744.5	394.9	434.9	100.7	99.8	169.8	4,604.3
1974-75	1,218.3	1,088.7	610.4	369.9	395.9	112.1	71.4	266.6	4,133.3
1975-76	1,335.4	1,473.2	890.5	471.8	631.1	158.7	174.1	209.2	5,344.1
1975-76 -									
Feb.	87.6	114.6	69.9	32.0	57.6	10.4	6.8	17.1	396.2
Mar.	105.6	145.6	73.5	40.4	64.0	16.7	9.2	22.4	477.4
Apr.	120.9	144.6	89.1	43.3	51.8	11.6	7.5	18.6	487.3
May	116.3	141.9	104.0	49.5	79.9	24.8	11.8	23.2	551.5
June	118.6	143.3	84.1	59.4	72.3	12.0	18.3	17.4	525.5
1976-77 -									
July	137.1	138.2	76.5	40.7	55.2	14.0	11.6	21.0	494.4
Aug.	107.9	133.4	71.0	44.9	50.0	14.2	6.9	11.0	439.2
Sept.	151.9	140.0	97.5	54.9	55.8	16.7	12.4	14.2	543.3
Oct.	120.1	132.9	84.8	43.9	69.5	21.2	11.0	12.4	495.9
Nov.	150.5	133.0	80.1	42.0	62.7	17.4	12.0	37.2	535.0
Dec.	167.4	129.7	74.2	50.2	60.5	13.1	6.9	19.9	521.9
Jan.	137.8	83.1	56.0	45.2	53.4	12.9	9.2	7.5	404.9
Feb.	115.1	135.8	55.9	40.2	53.3	19.2	13.5	10.1	442.9
Mar.	125.2	143.5	96.9	39.4	54.0	21.0	4.1	19.6	503.7

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED : AUSTRALIA

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMMENCED - AUSTRALIA									
Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1973-74	113.5	50.9	150.1	164.4	2,534.3	64.2	1,252.2	1,982.3	4,585.8
1974-75	86.5	31.6	99.1	118.1	2,227.3	101.8	915.4	1,834.1	4,163.1
1975-76	106.6	30.5	123.8	137.1	3,116.3	206.1	963.7	1,907.8	5,230.2
1975-76 -									
Sept. qtr	26.8	8.3	30.1	35.1	751.1	43.6	234.7	560.4	1,355.2
Dec. qtr	24.5	7.0	28.8	31.5	690.1	44.3	191.1	345.0	1,079.4
Mar. qtr	26.6	7.5	31.0	34.1	796.0	56.4	236.2	422.3	1,274.7
June qtr	28.7	7.6	33.8	36.4	879.1	61.8	301.7	580.1	1,521.0
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	29.0	9.3	34.3	38.3	963.6	64.8	294.7	580.9	1,609.3
Dec. qtr	26.9	8.1	31.6	35.1	897.3	65.3	284.0	507.8	1,470.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
1975-76 -							(a)		
Sept. qtr	25.8	8.1	29.2	34.0	722.1		234.7	568.6	1,335.5
Dec. qtr	26.1	7.8	30.5	33.4	716.4		191.1	370.1	1,154.5
Mar. qtr	27.2	7.5	31.6	34.8	813.2	n.a.	236.2	400.6	1,253.2
June qtr	27.4	7.2	32.4	34.8	841.9		301.7	564.7	1,472.5
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	28.0	9.0	33.3	37.1	926.7		294.7	589.5	1,586.2
Dec. qtr	28.8	9.1	33.5	37.2	958.9		284.0	546.3	1,575.9

(a) Series shows only insignificant seasonal pattern in recent years. Figures shown are the original figures.

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING COMPLETED : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of new dwellings ('000)				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses	Other dwellings	Private	Total	New dwellings	Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		Total building
							Private	Total	
ORIGINAL									
1973-74	104.9	45.1	138.6	150.0	2,143.0	55.6	1,031.8	1,532.6	3,731.1
1974-75	97.0	44.1	125.7	141.1	2,454.2	92.1	1,154.6	1,784.5	4,330.8
1975-76	99.9	32.1	112.3	132.0	2,799.3	169.7	1,249.6	2,266.6	5,235.7
1975-76 -									
Sept. qtr	23.4	7.7	26.0	31.0	623.4	33.8	293.4	514.9	1,172.2
Dec. qtr	26.6	8.3	29.2	34.9	717.5	42.9	373.1	609.0	1,369.5
Mar. qtr	22.5	6.9	26.0	29.4	639.7	42.9	252.8	564.1	1,246.7
June qtr	27.4	9.2	31.1	36.7	818.7	50.1	330.3	578.5	1,447.4
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	28.6	8.7	33.1	37.3	882.2	60.9	324.0	585.0	1,528.0
Dec. qtr	30.1	8.9	35.2	39.1	977.2	65.2	329.1	601.0	1,643.4

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

1975-76 -									
Sept. qtr	23.3	7.7	26.1	30.9	620.3		300.8	534.3	1,184.7
Dec. qtr	24.3	7.6	26.5	31.9	649.7		324.0	542.7	1,224.2
Mar. qtr	25.2	7.6	28.7	33.0	718.3	n.a.	282.6	584.4	1,347.7
June qtr	27.1	9.2	31.2	36.3	818.0		337.2	609.0	1,496.4
1976-77 -									
Sept. qtr	28.5	8.7	33.2	37.2	878.7		332.6	607.7	1,545.4
Dec. qtr	27.5	8.1	31.9	35.6	884.0		285.4	534.5	1,467.4

VALUE OF WORK DONE : AUSTRALIA
\$ million

Period	New dwellings			Alterations and additions to dwellings	Other building		
	Houses	Other dwellings	Total		Private	Total	Total building
	ORIGINAL						
1973-74	1,835.8	552.7	2,388.5	63.0	1,181.3	1,763.4	4,214.9
1974-75	1,844.3	551.2	2,395.5	99.1	1,291.9	2,218.7	4,713.1
1975-76	2,480.3	563.1	3,043.4	190.7	1,214.3	2,348.5	5,582.6
1975-76 -							
Sept. qtr	562.9	134.5	697.4	38.7	314.2	621.6	1,357.7
Dec. qtr	588.6	140.1	728.6	45.7	286.5	567.9	1,342.3
Mar. qtr	608.4	136.2	744.6	49.1	281.4	539.5	1,333.2
June qtr	720.4	152.3	872.7	57.1	332.3	619.6	1,549.3
1976-77 -							
Sept. qtr	776.2	173.8	950.0	63.8	335.7	620.6	1,634.5
Dec. qtr	773.7	173.7	947.4	67.8	335.4	622.1	1,637.2

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

1975-76 -							
Sept. qtr	544.0	128.4	671.9		294.6	589.9	1,298.8
Dec. qtr	578.9	139.0	717.7		282.1	558.1	1,318.0
Mar. qtr	653.5	146.0	798.0	n.a.	309.2	582.0	1,432.3
June qtr	707.8	150.6	859.8		329.4	618.4	1,540.6
1976-77 -							
Sept. qtr	750.4	165.9	915.4		314.9	589.0	1,563.8
Dec. qtr	760.8	172.2	932.8		330.5	611.4	1,607.7

NUMBER AND VALUE OF BUILDING, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1976

State or Territory	Commenced		Completed		Under construction		Value of work done during period		Value of work yet to be done	
	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total	Private	Total
NUMBER OF NEW DWELLINGS										
N.S.W.	8,105	9,166	8,385	9,529	14,244	17,204				
Vic.	9,731	10,932	9,072	9,768	22,759	25,161				
Qld	6,166	6,466	5,694	6,037	7,467	8,277				
S.A.	3,887	4,428	3,543	4,227	6,757	8,653				
W.A.	4,451	4,669	4,612	4,760	8,978	9,635				
Tas.	848	994	810	1,020	2,453	2,719				
N.T.	316	658	198	944	577	1,392				
A.C.T.	809	1,005	749	1,013	1,795	2,417				
Aust.	34,313	38,318	33,063	37,298	65,030	75,458				

- Not applicable -

VALUE OF NEW HOUSES (\$ m)

N.S.W.	167.8	177.3	170.2	179.7	240.8	264.3	166.7	175.4	126.5	138.1
Vic.	204.6	211.8	205.4	218.2	455.2	486.8	207.4	220.5	235.7	249.6
Qld	109.5	116.4	123.7	127.7	117.8	135.8	117.3	123.0	59.2	66.4
S.A.	70.0	77.1	80.4	89.4	127.5	153.9	78.7	86.7	68.7	79.3
W.A.	83.5	88.3	104.1	107.8	141.7	149.8	93.1	97.4	72.2	76.3
Tas.	17.9	20.9	20.0	23.5	45.9	50.1	21.2	24.4	21.8	24.0
N.T.	5.7	22.2	8.9	32.4	17.4	43.9	7.7	20.1	8.2	22.3
A.C.T.	18.4	21.6	27.9	31.1	47.0	56.1	23.4	26.1	25.7	31.6
Aust.	677.4	735.6	740.6	809.8	1,193.3	1,340.7	715.5	773.6	618.0	687.6

VALUE OF NEW DWELLINGS (INCLUDING HOUSES AND OTHER DWELLINGS) (\$ m)

N.S.W.	200.8	224.4	210.0	228.6	340.6	402.3	199.9	216.3	180.3	213.3
Vic.	244.9	253.8	248.0	262.5	584.2	629.1	253.0	270.5	305.0	323.2
Qld	130.6	137.7	146.1	150.2	180.1	199.1	145.0	150.9	81.3	88.9
S.A.	85.8	95.8	94.3	108.2	168.9	206.1	94.3	106.0	92.3	107.2
W.A.	103.9	111.3	125.9	132.4	199.0	213.6	115.7	122.7	99.6	106.1
Tas.	22.8	26.2	24.1	27.7	62.7	67.5	26.6	30.2	31.7	34.1
N.T.	5.7	22.3	9.5	34.7	18.0	45.9	8.0	21.4	8.5	23.0
A.C.T.	22.6	25.7	29.7	32.9	56.3	70.4	25.7	29.4	31.6	39.5
Aust.	817.1	897.3	887.6	977.2	1,609.8	1,834.0	868.2	947.4	830.3	935.4

VALUE OF ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO DWELLINGS (\$ m)

N.S.W.	26.1	26.1	26.2	26.2	23.3	23.4	26.3	26.4	10.7	10.7
Vic.	18.9	18.9	17.0	17.0	30.8	30.8	18.6	18.6	14.8	14.8
Qld	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	1.7	1.8	3.6	3.6	0.8	0.8
S.A.	3.3	3.3	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	1.7	1.7
W.A.	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.8	3.8	1.6	1.6
Tas.	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
N.T.	2.6	6.9	6.0	8.1	11.7	17.5	4.7	8.8	5.6	7.8
A.C.T.	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.3	1.4	1.4
Aust.	60.9	65.3	63.1	65.2	78.6	84.7	63.6	67.8	37.1	39.2

VALUE OF OTHER BUILDING (\$ m)

N.S.W.	98.6	160.6	129.3	197.0	463.1	1,046.3	107.2	181.5	165.3	438.2
Vic.	60.2	107.2	80.1	153.0	379.4	710.7	89.5	145.8	175.9	349.1
Qld	46.1	92.0	59.3	97.7	188.3	472.5	54.9	106.8	95.2	227.7
S.A.	28.3	45.5	19.0	38.4	89.8	217.0	26.7	50.5	35.5	85.8
W.A.	25.6	53.1	19.8	50.1	56.5	197.2	28.0	60.2	24.5	109.9
Tas.	6.9	16.5	8.3	17.7	21.8	69.7	8.9	15.1	11.4	37.2
N.T.	10.7	17.3	5.5	17.3	17.8	140.1	5.2	28.8	11.2	65.4
A.C.T.	7.5	15.7	7.7	29.9	55.7	249.5	15.0	33.3	27.3	125.2
Aust.	284.0	507.8	329.1	601.0	1,272.3	3,102.9	335.4	622.1	546.4	1,438.6

TOTAL VALUE OF BUILDING (\$ m)

N.S.W.	325.6	411.1	365.5	451.7	827.0	1,472.0	333.5	424.1	356.3	662.2
Vic.	324.0	379.9	345.2	432.5	994.4	1,370.6	361.1	434.9	495.6	687.0
Qld	180.2	233.3	209.1	251.6	370.1	673.3	203.5	261.4	177.3	317.4
S.A.	117.5	144.6	117.1	150.4	262.4	426.7	124.7	160.2	129.5	194.8
W.A.	133.0	167.8	149.3	186.1	259.0	414.3	147.4	186.7	125.8	217.7
Tas.	30.5	43.4	32.9	46.0	85.3	138.1	36.1	45.9	43.5	71.8
N.T.	19.1	46.5	21.0	60.1	47.5	203.6	18.0	59.1	25.4	96.2
A.C.T.	32.4	43.8	39.6	65.0	115.1	323.0	42.9	65.0	60.4	166.1
Aust.	1,162.3	1,470.3	1,279.7	1,643.4	2,960.8	5,021.6	1,267.2	1,637.2	1,413.8	2,413.1

NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, ASIC SUB-DIVISION AND TYPE OF ASSET (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in expenditure by private enterprises, on new fixed tangible assets. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Gross fixed capital expenditure* in the table on page 36 of this publication as a result of the different methods of compilation of the two sets of statistics.

ASIC Sub-division										
Manufacturing										
Quarter	Mining	Food bever- ages and tobacco	Textiles, cloth- ing and foot- wear	Paper, paper products, printing and publishing	Chemicals petroleum and coal products	Basic metal products	Trans- port equip- ment	Fabri- cated metal products (a)	Other (b)	Total
	(11-16)	(21,22)	(23,24)	(26)	(27)	(29)	(32)	(31,33)	(25,28,34)	(21-34)
1975-76										
Sept.	183.7	76.3	8.4	17.8	33.4	90.6	29.2	32.4	59.8	347.9
Dec.	179.3	79.1	7.9	20.2	39.5	84.9	24.4	37.2	65.5	358.7
Mar.	136.9	70.5	11.3	23.5	31.3	64.5	30.2	37.8	63.2	332.3
June	153.7	104.5	13.0	31.2	55.8	78.6	26.6	69.7	73.8	453.2
1976-77										
Sept.	119.7	92.3	11.3	24.3	45.9	64.9	35.9	52.3	64.1	391.0
Dec.	120.9	103.1	15.5	30.7	58.2	79.9	45.5	61.9	79.2	474.0

ASIC Sub-division						Type of asset				
Quarter	Non-manufacturing				Total new capital expenditure (d)	New buildings and structures (e)		Other new capital equipment (f)		
	Elec- tricity, gas and water	Wholesale and retail trade	Trans- port	All other (c)	Original	Season- ally adjusted	Original	Season- ally adjusted	Original	Season- ally adjusted
	(36,37)	(46-48)	(51-55)	(56,61-63, 91-93)	(11-37,46- 63,91-93)					
1975-76										
Sept.	7.8	160.1	87.8	454.2	1,241.5	1,250.8	450.1	453.3	791.4	803.0
Dec.	15.2	191.7	85.3	519.0	1,349.2	1,249.6	508.2	458.1	841.0	789.6
Mar.	6.8	147.9	83.2	415.4	1,122.5	1,279.8	351.4	416.9	771.1	858.4
June	8.9	217.4	92.8	552.9	1,478.9	1,407.0	435.5	412.7	1,043.4	992.4
1976-77										
Sept.	8.5	211.5	57.2	533.2	1,321.1	1,331.3	444.0	447.6	877.1	890.2
Dec.	10.7	250.4	110.0	593.5	1,559.5	1,442.0	450.4	406.0	1,109.1	1,037.7

(a) Fabricated metal products, other industrial machinery and equipment and household appliances. (b) Wood, wood products and furniture (except sheet metal), glass, clay and other non-metallic mineral products, leather, rubber and plastic products, and other manufacturing, n.e.c. (c) Finance, insurance, real estate, business services, communication, entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services. (d) Includes community services and construction. (e) Includes assets such as buildings, wharves, railway and harbour construction, roads and also lifts, heating and ventilation equipment and the like forming an integral part of the structure. Also included is the value of expenditure on mine development (e.g. construction of shafts in underground mines, preparation of mining and quarrying sites for open-cut extraction, other developmental operations undertaken primarily for commencing or extending production). (f) Includes vehicles, electrical apparatus, office equipment, furniture, fixtures and fittings not forming an integral part of buildings, durable containers, special tooling, etc.

INCREASE IN BOOK VALUE OF STOCKS HELD BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES (\$ million)

These statistics are designed primarily to measure trends in investment in stocks by private enterprises. The statistics in this table differ somewhat from the item *Increase in stocks* in the table on page 36 as a result of the different methods of compilation of these two sets of statistics.

Quarter	Increase in book value of stocks for selected ASIC sub-divisions					Less stock valuation adjustment (b)	Increase in stocks after stock valuation adjustment (b)
	Mining	Manufacturing	Wholesale trade	Retail trade (a)	Total		
	(11-16)	(21-34)	(46,47)	(36,37,48,92)	(11-37,46-48,92)		
1975-76							
Sept.	+70	-21	+39	+273	+361	+594	-233
Dec.	+22	+12	+131	+165	+330	+620	-290
Mar.	+52	+369	+195	+151	+767	+503	+264
June	+27	+269	+152	+106	+554	+444	+110
1976-77							
Sept. (c)	+15	+269	+68	+296	+648	+299	+349
Dec.	+22	+151	+275	+102	+550	+374	+176

(a) Includes electricity and gas, restaurants, hotels and clubs. (b) Informants are asked to report the book value of their stocks at the end of each quarter according to their normal principles of valuing stocks for balance sheet purposes. Increases in the book value of stocks between the beginning and end of a quarter will partly reflect changes in the physical quantities of all component items and partly changes in prices at which stocks are valued. A stock valuation adjustment is deducted from the increase in book value of stocks to arrive at the increase in stocks valued at the average price of the quarter. (c) Each year the framework and the samples are revised. For reasons of comparability estimates are prepared for both the original sample and revised sample.

PRODUCTION

MINE PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS

Period	Copper (a)	Lead (a)	Zinc (a)	Tin (a)	Nickel (a)	Bauxite	Iron ore	Gold (a) (b)	Mineral sands concentrates		
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	Ilmenite tonnes	Rutile tonnes	Zircon tonnes
1973-74	246,669	370,431	441,286	10,599	42,247	18,545	91,508	16,271	676,566	308,050	347,014
1974-75	235,590	416,500	508,174	10,168	59,109	22,205	98,159	15,061	891,090	334,205	392,751
1975-76	217,604	390,947	467,586	9,096	81,030	21,084	92,672	17,479	948,519	357,009	378,225
1975-76 p -											
Dec.	16,892	28,947	35,854	752	21,008	5,062	22,431	1,632	80,487	32,820	33,643
Jan.	18,800	20,820	24,924	610				1,481	65,284	20,066	22,319
Feb.	18,452	28,208	36,208	703				1,592	75,696	29,521	31,998
Mar.	20,118	33,206	38,578	890				1,169	83,698	32,993	32,971
Apr.	17,545	29,934	34,903	709				1,243	62,333	33,145	33,646
May	17,492	31,107	37,063	867	20,151	5,984	21,804	1,031	86,480	30,179	34,452
June	17,042	38,619	44,672	990				1,561	66,688	38,378	33,525
1976-77 p -											
July	18,795	36,592	40,781	1,030	22,149	6,246	25,061	1,083	97,040	31,906	35,302
Aug.	18,314	38,249	42,346	888				1,375	104,609	31,324	36,464
Sept.	17,015	38,664	42,879	820				1,349	84,248	36,801	35,662
Oct.	17,053	34,788	39,457	942				1,299	84,542	30,667	32,778
Nov.	17,326	37,190	44,354	894	19,837	6,249	23,823	1,100	90,660	31,494	32,601
Dec.	16,727	26,845	30,626	986				1,278	102,919	41,113	37,982
Jan.	16,254	22,066	25,245	910							

(a) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (b) Western Australian and Northern Territory gold production figures (in respect of major producers) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in the calendar month November 1975 for Western Australia and June 1976 for the Northern Territory.

PRODUCTION OF SELECTED MINERALS AND METALS

Period	Fuel minerals										
	Black coal					Refined metals (a)					
	Seasonally adjusted		Brown coal	Crude oil	Natural gas	Alumina (b)	Aluminium (b)	Copper (b)	Lead (b) (c)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)
	Original	adjusted									Gold (d)
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 cu m	million cu m	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	kg
1973-74	59,344	..	26,293	23,096	4,403	4,516	208,756	149,300	201,025	281,586	6,509
1974-75	70,142	..	27,514	23,096	4,360	5,073	222,876	178,451	170,508	243,209	5,973
1975-76	69,344	..	29,210	23,891	5,388	5,618	220,027	164,279	168,183	204,534	5,386
1975-76 -											
Dec.	4,992	6,881	2,132	1,974	393	455	17,887	13,576	14,185	18,286	599
Jan.	4,320	5,544	2,106	2,129	357	415	18,211	17,570	12,746	15,566	280
Feb.	6,425	6,462	2,391	1,775	397	448	17,816	11,163	13,541	15,345	342
Mar.	6,707	6,247	2,670	2,038	429	487	19,335	16,249	13,554	17,532	565
Apr.	5,859	6,666	2,518	1,983	464	513	18,978	12,802	11,929	18,335	459
May	6,594	5,980	2,525	2,115	524	548	19,765	13,191	17,264	20,755	467
June	7,083	6,439	2,701	2,009	553	505	18,968	12,636	15,270	18,248	470
1976-77 p -											
July	6,870	6,254	2,709	2,217	575	549	19,875	12,658	18,006	23,602	533
Aug.	5,399	6,304	2,852	2,173	578	571	20,218	15,301	17,500	23,578	440
Sept.	6,405	6,186	2,994	2,142	575	539	19,335	13,870	15,897	23,434	695
Oct.	6,796	5,856	2,611	1,920	533	543	20,242	12,186	16,446	23,197	451
Nov.	7,564	6,303	2,603	1,765	473	482	19,483	11,309	14,583	21,104	496
Dec.	4,832	6,230	2,260	1,983	470	605	20,058	11,806	15,205	20,940	405
Jan.	13,704	4,911	1,976	2,097	411		8,490	13,754	20,806	161	740

(a) Primary origin only. (b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (c) Refined lead including lead content of lead alloys from primary sources; excludes lead content of lead silver bullion produced for export. (d) Statistics of refined gold were collected by the Reserve Bank until December 1975. From January 1976 these statistics have been collected by the Bureau of Mineral Resources.

PRODUCTION OF ENERGY, IRON AND STEEL AND BUILDING MATERIALS

Period	Heat, light and power				Iron and steel				
	Gas available for issue through mains (a)		Total electricity generated		Pig iron		Iron ore pellets (b)	Raw steel (c)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted
	million megajoules	million megajoules	million kWh	million kWh	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes
1973-74p	172,694	..	69,743	..	7,506	..	10,214	7,749	..
1974-75p	182,825	..	73,933	..	7,598	..	9,614	8,063	..
1975-76p	203,623	..	76,597	..	7,519	..	9,980	7,937	..
1975-76p -									
Jan.	13,260	16,645	5,769	6,375	711	692	925	672	670
Feb.	14,990	17,495	5,887	6,551	574	608	825	584	632
Mar.	15,975	17,188	6,367	6,485	642	631	816	706	682
Apr.	16,770	17,856	6,165	6,600	623	658	746	631	678
May	19,819	18,473	6,868	6,600	674	662	783	733	733
June	20,983	18,120	7,201	6,561	663	707	883	675	732
1976-77p -									
July	22,132	18,445	7,601	6,636	675	661	780	695	668
Aug.	22,470	18,980	7,581	6,811	629	612	784	634	618
Sept.	20,870	19,479	7,090	6,876	605	601	663	631	627
Oct.	20,077	19,633	6,841	6,879	571	549	822	635	600
Nov.	17,384	18,604	6,408	6,741	495	508	736	554	531
Dec.	16,574	19,335	6,435	6,869	555	526	831	624	601
Jan.	15,244	19,191	6,176	6,907	604	588	967	679	686
Feb.	16,177	19,390	6,138	6,973	527	575	886	566	623
Period	Iron and steel - continued				Building materials				
	Blooms and slabs		Tinplate		Clay bricks		Roofing tiles (terracotta and concrete)	Asbestos cement sheets	Sawn Aust. grown timber (d)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	'000	'000 sq. metres	'000 cu. metres
1973-74p	6,491	..	326,744	..	2,030	..	240,242	44,010	3,339
1974-75p	6,215	..	311,023	..	1,698	..	200,080	41,982	3,431
1975-76p	5,566	..	282,241	..	1,834	..	218,645	41,752	3,462
1975-76p -									
Jan.	493	485	21,850	21,310	95	155	8,203	1,813	166
Feb.	433	460	20,296	21,805	156	160	19,144	3,184	271
Mar.	505	510	24,250	24,370	173	158	21,580	4,184	292
Apr.	377	403	26,388	26,302	161	166	18,733	3,327	296
May	455	471	28,172	28,173	167	161	20,720	3,335	309
June	487	504	26,854	27,441	173	162	19,964	4,523	345
1976-77p -									
July	494	478	27,101	27,104	176	166	20,563	3,390	305
Aug.	478	471	28,518	27,176	183	168	20,270	4,228	298
Sept.	462	442	25,535	25,881	181	167	21,781	4,226	318
Oct.	501	477	29,075	28,197	183	174	22,761	4,181	325
Nov.	458	435	28,977	27,762	193	179	22,850	4,415	292
Dec.	505	490	26,693	27,530	157	173	17,333	3,482	263
Jan.	483	482	29,586	28,796	108	184	8,008	1,154	195
Feb.	391	425	26,251	29,714	168	173	18,677	3,767	

(a) Includes natural gas. (b) Gross wet weight. (c) Includes recovery from scrap. (d) Source: Australian Forestry and Timber Bureau. Figures are expressed in terms of green off sawn volumes.

**PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING FITTINGS,
FLOOR COVERINGS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES**

Building materials — continued										Household appliances		
Period	Portland cement		Plaster sheets (non-acoustic)	Plaster of paris	Building fittings			Floor coverings (a)		Electric blankets (including mattress overlays) (b)	Electric propeller type fans (complete) (c)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted			Baths C.I.P.E. and other	Wash basins earthen-ware	Sinks-stainless steel	Original	Seasonally adjusted			
		'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 sq.m.	'000 tonnes	No.	No.	No.	'000 sq.m.	'000 sq.m.	No.	No.
1973-74p	5,330	...	44,537	366	213,699	311,231	255,283	42,032	...	1,005,209	631,675	
1974-75p	5,086	...	41,911	336	174,565	273,883	205,533	31,468	...	737,580	616,358	
1975-76p	5,007	...	46,076	355	180,629	355,120	243,862	38,545	...	520,574	533,323	
1975-76p —												
Jan.	255	370	1,389	11.7	4,449	20,689	8,156	1,396	2,991	19,827	10,946	
Feb.	416	427	4,080	32.7	16,548	30,951	20,641	3,183	3,154	80,151	31,750	
Mar.	438	424	4,617	35.8	18,312	43,314	24,549	3,638	3,175	69,082	39,075	
Apr.	431	431	3,391	92.9	{	{	{	{	{	{	{	
May	454	427	4,197									
June	414	413	4,704									
1976-77 p —												
July	470	435	4,254	{	{	{	{	{	{	{	{	
Aug.	439	422	4,212									
Sept.	432	416	5,146	{	{	{	{	{	{	{	{	
Oct.	443	412	4,392									
Nov.	436	409	4,606	{	{	{	{	{	{	{	{	
Dec.	434	425	4,642									
Jan.	282	417	1,458	{	{	{	{	{	{	{	{	
Feb.	409	436	3,977									
					15,837	26,025	21,505	2,901	2,920	57,824	34,693	

Household appliances — continued

Period	Domestic cooking stoves			Domestic refrigerators		Domestic clothes washing machines		Hot water jugs and kettles
	Solid fuel	Gas (d) upright or elevated	Electric (e)	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
1973-74p	5,151	108,832	332,683	271,263	--	380,970	--	530,623
1974-75p	4,751	106,301	307,626	222,016	--	314,816	--	543,890
1975-76p	4,184	109,608	335,570	240,276	--	354,779	--	655,371
1975-76p -								
Jan.	92	2,708	15,313	13,859	16,814	16,298	31,070	16,060
Feb.	295	8,810	30,499	22,578	23,299	31,266	32,763	49,735
Mar.	334	11,968	35,748	24,910	22,984	17,758	33,159	53,124
Apr.	284	9,950	29,660	19,510	23,712	24,069	29,928	55,357
May	443	8,506	28,763	17,781	21,017	28,556	27,513	55,702
June	391	7,458	28,475	22,482	24,809	28,765	28,121	69,439
1976-77p								
July	612	9,477	32,687	24,642	24,246	30,450	27,261	53,050
Aug.	314	9,062	31,236	26,302	24,838	29,886	27,123	53,799
Sept.	349	10,985	28,570	27,952	23,310	27,325	22,340	65,826
Oct.	341	9,237	30,231	26,723	23,918	28,337	25,966	66,684
Nov.	333	10,835	29,092	25,064	21,226	30,463	26,426	69,638
Dec.	272	7,510	22,105	16,054	15,855	21,223	24,898	64,469
Jan.	48	1,680	12,024	13,088	17,047	12,759	25,357	16,542
Feb.	225	9,322	25,017	21,717	22,385	22,742	34,182	37,592

(a) Excludes underfelts and underlays. (b) Excludes heating pads. (c) Excludes fans incorporated in other equipment or used with ducting. (d) Town, liquefied petroleum and natural gas stoves and ranges. Includes wall ovens. (e) Includes fixed ranges, wall ovens, cooking tops, grill-boilers and other ranges.

**PRODUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, ELECTRIC MOTORS, ENGINES,
DAIRY PRODUCTS, MEAT, AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERED**

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION											
Household appliances <i>continued</i>						Electric motors					
Period	Radio and radiograms		Television sets (a)		Room air-conditioners (b)	Under 1 hp		1 hp and over		Internal combustion engines	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1973-74p	908,609	..	456,831	..	73,082	4,315	..	274	..	510,816	..
1974-75p	284,718	..	465,401	..	73,466	4,083	..	415	..	374,230	..
1975-76p	80,144	..	532,606	..	52,245	3,765	..	317	..	358,790	..
1975-76p -											
Jan.	1,585	3,739	18,069	42,647	4,333	171	330	10.3	28.3	22,270	30,473
Feb.	5,514	6,249	43,425	44,380	5,699	323	343	31.1	29.3	24,642	27,203
Mar.	6,230	6,032	46,687	43,267	4,967	368	340	31.8	28.0	18,561	24,323
Apr.	4,402	5,541	42,530	44,392	3,291	284	333	25.9	29.6	15,909	21,771
May	3,226	3,354	34,508	32,449	3,087	293	300	24.8	24.2	11,085	21,274
June	4,272	4,487	43,730	41,971	4,059	323	305	23.2	25.9	25,981	42,423
1976-77p -											
July	4,145	3,815	44,652	40,758	4,932	280	269	28.5	27.1	25,881	25,104
Aug.	2,831	2,696	47,158	42,928	5,321	298	270	33.3	28.5	26,288	21,858
Sept.	3,402	2,838	53,245	46,146	6,664	305	262	30.7	26.9	42,539	28,634
Oct.	2,592	2,259	50,226	45,314	8,001	286	254	30.7	26.2	42,456	26,769
Nov.	3,135	2,214	54,884	47,599	8,044	321	270	31.6	27.1	37,964	25,991
Dec.	1,889	1,733	42,734	48,707	8,057	239	246	28.2	29.6	31,714	32,211
Jan.	1,020	2,524	18,917	48,982	3,951	98	193	8.8	24.7	17,675	24,693
Feb.	2,687	3,089	46,486	47,715	4,049	211	233	24.5	23.1	18,958	21,019
Period	Dairy products (factory production)					Meat (carcass weight)				Dressed weight of poultry slaughtered (f)	
	Whole milk for all purposes		Processed			Meat (carcass weight)				Dressed weight of poultry slaughtered (f)	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Butter (d)	Cheese (e)	Full cream milk products	Beef and veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	Total	
										Original	Seasonally adjusted
	million litres	million litres	'000 kilo-grams	'000 kilo-grams	million litres (g)	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million kilo-grams
1973-74 p	6,755.5	..	175,497	95,793	535.4	1,321.8	231.3	236.2	211.0	2,000.3	..
1974-75 p	6,496.8	..	161,274	98,630	626.6	1,547.0	257.8	269.3	175.1	2,249.2	..
1975-76 p	6,255.6	..	147,635	112,617	615.0	1,838.3	325.5	262.2	173.8	2,599.9	..
1975-76p -											
Jan.	634.5	527.4	16,281	10,863	69.7	124.0	28.2	21.0	12.2	185.4	203.5
Feb.	463.1	493.4	10,157	8,321	52.1	151.0	29.2	19.6	12.9	212.8	228.2
Mar.	392.4	450.4	7,556	7,075	41.0	170.1	32.1	23.0	14.9	240.2	231.1
Apr.	293.2	447.0	4,355	5,253	30.7	160.6	29.4	21.9	14.1	225.9	242.4
May	229.1	413.0	2,180	4,006	20.6	177.7	29.8	21.2	14.9	243.6	247.6
June	224.1	416.9	2,130	3,382	21.0	172.3	25.5	21.6	15.2	234.6	225.2
1976-77p -											
July	293.9	431.8	3,807	4,671	33.9	171.4	23.7	22.0	16.1	233.1	193
Aug.	430.5	443.4	8,160	7,854	50.4	157.6	23.0	21.1	16.0	217.8	17.3
Sept.	573.7	470.9	12,498	10,464	78.0	160.5	25.3	22.4	15.9	224.0	16.8
Oct.	723.1	490.3	17,364	13,152	97.4	148.2	25.8	22.5	14.7	211.2	17.8
Nov.	770.3	512.3	19,595	13,992	93.8	140.0	29.3	24.4	15.9	209.5	17.1
Dec.	724.6	509.9	17,236	13,235	105.1	136.7	31.3	20.2	16.5	204.6	18.3
Jan.	590.2	492.8	13,610	11,439	66.7	137.9	29.5	18.5	12.5	198.4	16.5
Feb.	440.8	483.7	8,645	8,637	53.0	163.4	33.0	19.1	13.6	229.1	16.1

(a) Includes combinations with radio and/or record player. (b) Includes package unit air conditioners. (c) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor, aero, etc. and marine engines. (d) Includes the butter equivalent of butter oil production. Source: Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and State Departments of Agriculture. (e) As reported by Commonwealth Dairy Produce Equalisation Committee Ltd and by producers not within the equalisation scheme. (f) Dressed weight of all birds (chickens, other fowls, ducks and drakes, and turkeys) including pieces and giblets. (g) Whole milk equivalent.

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR, SUGAR, BEER, TOBACCO, CHEMICALS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TYRES

Period	Chemicals and allied products												Paints
	Beer (b)				Tobacco and cigarettes		Sulphuric acid (100%)		Super phosphate (d)	Sulphate of ammonia	Ready mixed paints and enamels	Lacquers, nitro-cellulose	
	Wheaten flour	Refined sugar (a)	Seasonally adjusted		Original (c)	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted					
			Original	Seasonally adjusted									
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	million litres	tonnes	tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	million litres	'000 litres	
1973-74p	1,193	718.5	1,901	..	30,720	..	2,428	..	5,318	244	97.7	6,081	
1974-75p	1,263	729.1	1,957	..	31,729	..	1,770	..	3,309	266	81.3	4,886	
1975-76p	1,240	723.2	1,932	..	31,161	..	1,295	..	2,157	220	91.0	4,909	
1975-76p													
Jan.	89	64.2	183	187	1,217	2,350	129	117	24.2	17.28	5.34	201	
Feb.	97	62.7	145	156	2,586	2,418	135	124	26.2	14.28	7.85	392	
Mar.	107	64.3	182	162	2,885	2,491	153	155	33.1	16.31	8.85	444	
Apr.	95	56.7	159	166	2,443	2,383	161	146	30.8	16.19	7.34	421	
May	100	53.8	142	154	2,817	2,926	102	97	22.6	18.45	7.87	407	
June	104	50.1	133	158	2,731	2,728	107	119	13.0	17.26	7.99	409	
1976-77p													
July	98	55.3	140	159	1,909	1,589	108	138	12.0	16.44	7.32	418	
Aug.	98	61.6	147	157	2,534	2,352	106	120	16.4	17.70	7.39	454	
Sept.	108	64.8	167	161	2,457	2,648	130	135	21.7	18.55	8.00	410	
Oct.	93	66.6	157	155	2,195	2,002	136	133	31.3	15.24	7.85	411	
Nov.	102	65.9	180	156	2,784	2,519	147	143	25.1	13.93	8.63	395	
Dec.	96	66.8	210	165	2,140	2,386	168	151	25.9	20.28	8.02	376	
Jan.	81		160	167	1,330	2,753	143	132	26.7	18.74	4.73	170	
Feb.	85		158	169	2,779	2,630	139	131	28.4	15.61	7.14	373	
Motor vehicles (e)													
Period	Cars and station wagons		Utilities		Panel vans		Seasonally adjusted		Trucks and truck-type vehicles		Total motor vehicles (f)		Pneumatic tyres-motor cycle, car, truck, agro, etc. (g)
	Seasonally adjusted		Utilities		Panel vans		Seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted		
	Original	No.	Original	No.	Original	No.	Original	No.	Original	No.	Original	No.	
1973-74p	398,558	..	31,801	27,416	..	..	30,343	..	489,585	..	..	8,648
1974-75p	361,389	..	30,295	29,503	..	..	32,759	..	456,167	..	..	7,501
1975-76p	369,339	..	25,179	29,857	..	..	31,040	..	457,216	..	..	8,384
1975-76p													
Jan.	10,284	31,183	778	848	4,888	1,050	2,713	12,991	40,493	357			
Feb.	31,740	31,679	2,201	2,223	4,487	2,713	2,784	39,071	39,385	653			
Mar.	35,850	32,314	2,597	3,029	4,943	2,971	2,791	44,657	39,948	704			
Apr.	29,464	30,863	2,050	2,626	4,765	2,707	2,768	36,962	38,748	659			
May	35,950	32,562	2,491	2,764	4,420	2,930	2,671	44,301	39,500	751			
June	34,625	32,165	1,723	2,342	3,843	2,866	2,702	41,662	38,653	764			
1976-77p													
July	32,752	31,103	1,819	2,324	3,902	2,915	2,681	39,965	38,228	704			
Aug.	32,645	36,702	2,219	2,286	4,066	3,102	2,669	40,382	37,536	822			
Sept.	39,380	32,043	2,810	2,968	4,658	3,700	2,965	48,990	39,848	732			
Oct.	35,709	32,342	2,113	2,632	4,668	2,928	2,776	43,508	39,228	710			
Nov.	38,205	33,976	2,741	3,070	5,372	3,068	2,967	47,236	42,349	720			
Dec.	28,543	32,539	1,984	2,494	5,541	2,515	2,906	35,631	40,993	652			
Jan.	8,100	25,394	530	771	3,944	931	2,479	10,346	33,670	251			
Feb.	29,545	30,171	1,965	2,019	4,038	2,688	2,809	36,254	37,131	645			

(a) Source: Monthly figures, Department of Primary Industry. (b) Excludes waste beer. (c) Source: Department of Business and Consumer Affairs. (d) Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single superphosphate, i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent. (e) Finished and partly finished motor vehicles. (f) Includes buses and ambulances. (g) Source: Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association Limited.

PRODUCTION OF WOOL, YARNS AND TEXTILES

Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool (a)									Yarns (d)				
Period	Total receipts m.kg	Percentage of total received by brokers (b) %	Scoured and carbonised wool (c) m.kg	Cotton		Wool		Cellulosic fibre (including mixtures) Original '000 kg					
				Original '000 kg	Seasonally adjusted '000 kg	Original '000 kg	Seasonally adjusted '000 kg						
1973-74p	624.4	81.2	52.4	30,731	--	24,540	--	3,125					
1974-75p	729.2	81.5	51.8	23,463	--	17,891	--	1,396					
1975-76p	686.9	76.5	69.9	25,793	--	22,422	--	2,338					
1975-76p													
Jan.	36.3	75.7	5.26	711	1,628	849	1,877	161					
Feb.	37.1	75.1	6.30	2,222	2,300	2,081	2,034	217					
Mar.	36.0	66.1	6.94	2,216	1,954	2,310	1,992	195					
Apr.	31.0	63.0	17.65	2,052	2,190	1,755	1,885	88					
May	44.6	77.4		2,252	2,073	1,842	1,778	142					
June	34.1	72.0		2,298	2,008	1,861	1,677	169					
1976-77p													
July	43.8	73.3	17.54	2,090	1,914	1,808	1,680	129					
Aug.	74.3	78.0		2,013	1,760	1,793	1,612	139					
Sept.	92.0	81.5	17.69	1,964	1,773	1,854	1,631	212					
Oct.	83.4	76.1		2,073	1,879	1,776	1,658	153					
Nov.	83.5	78.2	17.69	1,909	1,795	1,812	1,678	118					
Dec.	54.6	77.0		1,433	1,803	1,394	1,695	110					
Jan.	29.2	77.0		669	1,632	686	1,571	60					
Feb.	35.7	78.6		1,701	1,771	1,701	1,661	111					

Textiles									
Woven cloth (d) (e)									
Period	Cotton (f)		Wool (g)		Cellulosic fibre		Synthetic fibre		Blankets (h)
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	
	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000 sq. metres	'000
1973-74p	50,092	--	12,306	--	23,075	--	114,537	--	1,692
1974-75p	41,364	--	7,308	--	16,237	--	84,831	--	1,472
1975-76p	46,661	--	8,009	--	16,725	--	97,763	--	2,031
1975-76p									
Jan.	1,565	3,564	384	662	740	1,427	4,319	8,677	93
Feb.	4,235	4,330	773	680	1,241	1,360	8,347	8,605	195
Mar.	4,163	3,946	876	683	1,499	1,427	9,082	8,614	210
Apr.	3,788	3,973	584	661	1,492	1,453	7,286	7,784	166
May	4,059	3,850	702	721	1,497	1,408	8,742	8,230	177
June	4,018	3,801	649	692	1,445	1,330	9,418	8,085	163
1976-77p									
July	3,601	3,218	598	618	1,658	1,519	7,440	6,456	139
Aug.	3,641	3,334	521	545	1,464	1,354	8,216	7,376	138
Sept.	3,676	3,316	593	563	1,580	1,416	8,653	7,540	121
Oct.	4,221	3,488	587	540	1,567	1,390	8,464	7,955	131
Nov.	3,584	3,446	567	475	1,588	1,451	8,425	8,048	122
Dec.	2,922	3,183	475	500	1,310	1,537	7,268	9,044	92
Jan.	1,430	3,651	232	419	462	939	2,614	5,463	63
Feb.	3,278	3,397	573	507	1,423	1,599	9,157	9,482	138

(a) Amounts of taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) As from April 1976 published on a quarterly basis. (d) Includes mixtures predominantly of the fibre named. (e) Over 12 inches wide. (f) Excludes towels and towelling. (g) Excludes blanketing and rug material. (h) Prior to 1975-76 excludes tufted blankets.

PRODUCTION OF CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

Clothing										
Period	Hosiery		Men's and youths				Underwear		Boots, shoes and sandals (c)	
	Men's	Women's full length (a)	Short length coats and jackets (b)		Sports trousers	Shirts, men's and boys'	Men's and boys'	Women's and girls'		
			Suit	Other						
'000 doz. pairs	'000 doz. pairs	'000	'000	'000	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 pairs		
1973-74p	2,169	7,664	1,085	922	5,872	2,697	2,968	4,731	37,753	
1974-75p	1,743	6,763	876	754	4,416	2,281	2,461	3,667	27,074	
1975-76p	2,007	6,316	825	1,148	4,344	2,848	2,133	3,646	30,017	
1975-76p -										
Jan.	82	253	23.9	43.6	130	89	75	113	1,247	
Feb.	174	510	67.5	123.4	392	205	202	312	2,571	
Mar.	172	534	79.7	139.3	462	244	245	388	2,918	
Apr.	153	485	71.6	122.3	396	204	200	311	2,341	
May	143	469	74.8	132.2	367	213	186	351	2,373	
June	160	508	70.5	104.2	344	252	232	350	2,274	
1976-77p -										
July	179	549	71.7	82.9	345	257	198	303	2,416	
Aug.	182	518	74.2	81.3	347	292	215	333	2,425	
Sept.	190	550	72.8	78.9	378	311	237	334	2,291	
Oct.	205	639	72.5	68.2	385	290	219	361	2,374	
Nov.	186	634	78.2	66.5	348	246	220	377	2,343	
Dec.	134	491	62.2	54.8	328	178	195	413	1,718	
Jan.	99	209	19.6	35.2	139	72	55	171	1,146	
Feb.	156	454							2,236	
Period	Lawn mowers petrol (rotary)		Motor spirit (d)	Aviation turbine fuel (d)	Furnace fuel (d)	Plastics and synthetic resins (e)	Newsprint	Soap	Margarine	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted							Table	Other
No.	No.	million litres	million litres	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	'000 kg	'000 kg	
1973-74p	426,170	--	12,200	1,920	5,265	402	200,852	68,844	24,449	57,119
1974-75p	298,125	--	12,508	2,124	4,656	363	196,405	59,462	31,582	55,377
1975-76p	334,857	--	12,501	2,088	4,340	407	206,227	58,052	44,071	55,899
1975-76p -										
Jan.	22,884	29,446	1,179	208	365	28.9	16,304	2,656	2,105	2,950
Feb.	28,680	28,867	1,061	203	320	34.9	16,953	4,601	4,439	4,100
Mar.	18,604	22,348	974	159	310	38.6	18,346	5,361	4,667	3,722
Apr.	16,860	22,067	1,040	147	390	35.7	17,899	4,237	4,234	4,611
May	7,736	19,423	1,110	181	394	36.8	18,181	5,519	4,336	4,341
June	16,777	39,065	1,063	152	350	38.5	17,663	5,047	4,647	5,327
1976-77p -										
July	18,646	23,853	1,119	154	416	39.0	16,951	5,472	5,869	5,367
Aug.	25,121	21,538	1,214	162	502	40.3	17,868	5,445	5,902	4,408
Sept.	45,875	29,255	1,093	178	380	44.6	17,456	5,245	6,212	4,958
Oct.	44,287	25,101	929	169	353	38.7	18,167	5,537	6,629	4,487
Nov.	41,304	27,703	812	174	310	40.0	17,458	4,540	6,542	4,795
Dec.	36,710	35,118	1,120	211	449	35.3	13,587	4,026	5,320	3,612
Jan.	21,629	28,507	1,157	207	348	27.8	17,065	2,233	2,385	2,301
Feb.	20,167	20,273	1,099	198	392	40.2	16,375	5,517	5,045	3,370

(a) Includes panty hose. (b) Excludes plastic coats and dust coats. (c) Includes shippers of cemented, vulcanised-moulded rubber and injection-moulded plastic construction. (d) Source: Department of National Resources. (e) Liquid resins or emulsion forms are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (a)

REGISTRATION OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES (1)								
Period	Cars and station wagons		Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)		Total (excluding motor cycles)		Motor cycles	Total motor vehicles
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted		
1973-74	464,990	..	107,694	..	572,684	..	85,249	657,933
1974-75	502,720	..	121,467	..	624,187	..	67,563	691,750
1975-76	454,637	..	129,726	..	584,363	..	60,017	644,380
1975-76								
Feb.	33,412	37,611	9,016	10,597	42,428	48,208	4,293	46,721
Mar.	44,789	40,661	12,843	11,531	57,632	52,192	5,864	63,496
Apr.	40,365	42,250	11,617	12,271	51,982	54,521	4,788	56,770
May	42,347	39,166	12,656	11,822	55,003	50,988	4,696	59,699
June	42,610	42,641	13,679	13,023	56,289	55,664	4,227	60,516
1976-77								
July	38,231	36,520	11,855	11,097	50,086	47,617	4,279	54,365
Aug.	35,549	33,698	10,097	9,555	45,646	43,253	4,264	49,910
Sept.	37,837	36,453	11,246	11,071	49,083	47,524	4,517	53,600
Oct.	36,988	35,742	10,953	10,384	47,941	46,126	4,788	52,729
Nov.	40,278	38,937	12,420	11,696	52,698	50,633	5,817	58,515
Dec.	46,165	49,454	12,720	13,810	58,885	63,264	5,485	64,370
Jan.	31,627	38,195	9,910	12,427	41,537	50,622	4,250	45,787
Feb.	34,513	38,822	10,532	12,366	45,045	51,188	4,026	49,071
Mar.	38,396	34,194	11,596	10,535	49,992	44,729	3,474	53,466

(a) Registrations during period. Includes Commonwealth Government-owned vehicles except those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment etc.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Period	Government railways				Shipping (a)					
	Goods and livestock				Overseas cargo				Interstate cargo shipped	
					Shipped from Australian ports		Discharged at Australian ports			
					Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres		
	Tonnes consigned	Net tonne-kilometres	Passenger journeys	Gross earnings	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres	Tonnes	Cubic metres
	'000	million	million	\$ million	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1973-74	87,341	28,329.3	373.6	691.1	150,471	3,071	23,055	7,641	29,471	3,033
1974-75	94,798	29,791.6	340.0	809.4	164,866	2,926	21,893	8,029	28,454	3,134
1975-76					156,133	2,488	19,718	7,170	28,241	2,937
1975-76	p	p	p	p						
Sept.	7,471	2,554.8	31.6	74.3	11,140	240	1,463	562	2,453	244
Oct.	8,853	2,797.0	27.1	78.1	13,439	214	1,701	545	2,522	253
Nov.	8,183	2,543.2	25.4	73.0	12,445	201	1,690	552	2,344	237
Dec.	7,803	2,543.6	26.9	79.6	12,076	207	1,746	617	2,625	234
Jan.	6,957	2,228.3	24.8	66.4	12,711	150	1,556	533	2,284	189
Feb.	7,567	2,433.8	32.0	75.3	12,345	144	1,601	555	1,846	232
Mar.	8,623	2,740.2	27.8	82.8	12,112	187	1,655	679	2,383	263
Apr.	7,989	2,585.9	25.9	81.7	12,713	197	1,765	584	2,317	263
May	8,149	2,686.8	29.9	79.1	15,198	168	1,741	680	2,479	278
June					15,377	187	1,503	602	1,938	241
1976-77										
July					14,839	142	1,710	595	2,533	207
Aug.					14,876	196	1,798	698	2,830	165
Sept.					12,474	182	1,653	478	2,470	140
Oct.					15,935	191	1,695	581	2,407	172
Nov.					12,743	154	1,559	626	2,107	156

(a) Part of the shipping cargo is recorded in tonnes and part in cubic metres. As the total cannot be stated accurately as either tonnes or cubic metres each is recorded and published separately.

TELEPHONE AND TELEX SERVICES

Period	Telephone subscribers' services				Telex Services			
	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period	Effective applications during period (a)	Services connected during period	Services cancelled during period	Services in operation at end of period
	'000	'000	'000	'000				'000
1973-74	653.3	627.2	409.1	3,361	3,475	3,282	1,207	12.9
1974-75	560.3	573.5	387.7	3,539	3,360	3,375	1,469	14.8
1975-76	596.1	613.6	448.4	3,700	(b)3,986	(c)4,117	1,822	17.0
1975-76 -								
Jan.	49.6	44.1	37.5	3,636	236	262	131	16.0
Feb.	48.5	45.3	35.3	3,646	387	239	150	16.1
Mar.	55.3	54.2	42.7	3,657	395	412	173	16.4
Apr.	48.4	51.0	36.9	3,670	346	368	149	16.6
May	52.4	54.6	40.4	3,684	388	416	173	16.8
June	53.6	56.8	40.9	3,700	386	400	155	17.0
1976-77 -								
July	53.7	49.8	37.5	3,713	287	361	167	17.2
Aug.	55.3	56.0	38.2	3,730	303	371	152	17.5
Sept.	54.7	54.1	36.4	3,748	415	354	141	17.7
Oct.	52.1	53.2	35.5	3,765	415	350	170	17.9
Nov.	54.8	56.0	37.9	3,783	342	388	170	18.1
Dec.	49.4	55.9	39.1	3,800	348	382	225	18.2
Jan.	53.2	48.0	39.0	3,809	335	304	135	18.4
Feb.	57.4	56.7	37.4	3,828	331	377	164	18.6

(a) Demand for services, allowing for applications withdrawn during period. (b) From July 1975 includes in place services. (c) From July 1975 includes in place connections.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

(\$ million)

Period	CURRENT ACCOUNT									
	Invisible credits					Invisible debits				
	Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.	Balance of trade	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers	Other	Transportation and travel	Property income	Transfers
1973-74	6,688	5,753	935	839	510	275	227	1,515	1,151	558
1974-75	8,887	7,660	827	1,153	410	429	284	1,893	1,080	627
1975-76	9,372	7,923	1,449	1,254	326	358	226	2,092	1,476	701
1975-76 -										
Dec. qtr	2,292	1,906	386	326	85	99	67	482	390	225
Mar. qtr	2,323	2,032	291	316	72	71	46	514	357	135
June qtr	2,604	2,123	481	313	75	84	49	593	387	169
1976-77 -										
Sept. qtr	2,840	2,393	446	366	82	62	41	597	403	176
Dec. qtr	2,775	2,414	361	399	90	74	49	584	418	163
Mar. qtr	2,791	2,787	4	421	89	64	48	622	402	166

CAPITAL ITEMS

Period	Capital inflow						Monetary movements			
	Government		Private		Non official monetary					
	Securities	Other	Market-making authorities	Other	sector transactions	Balancing item	Net apparent capital inflow	Change in official reserve assets	Other transactions	Net official monetary movements
1973-74	-84	80	-95	225	154	102	383	-384	-50	-435
1974-75	21	-53	-59	765	47	-246	475	-460	-4	-464
1975-76	46	-144	133	549	-25	-498	61	-1,053	32	-1,020
1975-76 -										
Dec. qtr	-62	-26	17	-63	-125	-223	-482	-738	14	-723
Mar. qtr	-14	-26	53	181	45	72	312	-37	22	-15
June qtr	163	-63	8	215	61	-128	255	-7	12	5
1976-77 -										
Sept. qtr	226	-50	51	5	-87	-128	17	42	-310	-268
Dec. qtr	137	-17	19	419	71	-353	275	-7	-1	9
Mar. qtr	-12	-22	43	(a)	(a)	635	803	127	11	138

(a) Not yet available, included in the balancing item.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AND NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Gross national expenditure	Plus Exports of goods and services	Less Imports of goods and services	Components of gross domestic product							
				Gross domestic product at factor cost							
				Gross domestic product				Gross operating surplus			
				Farm	Non-farm	Total	Wages, salaries and supplements	Trading enterprises	Financial enterprises, etc. (b)	Indirect taxes less subsidies	
								Companies	Other		
ORIGINAL											
1973-74	50,577	7,780	7,655	4,479	46,224	50,703	27,573	6,689	11,633	506	5,314
1974-75	60,045	9,949	10,005	3,623	56,364	59,987	35,449	6,702	11,887	-652	6,601
1975-76	69,812	10,910	10,477	3,727	66,517	70,244	40,672	7,813	13,986	-694	8,467
1975-76 -											
Sept. qtr	15,938	2,535	2,468	609	15,395	16,004	9,466	1,790	3,101	-166	1,813
Dec. qtr	19,092	2,694	2,509	1,811	17,466	19,277	10,637	2,233	4,569	-193	2,031
Mar. qtr	16,850	2,696	2,672	887	15,987	16,874	9,851	1,585	3,344	158	2,252
June qtr	17,932	2,985	2,828	420	17,669	18,089	10,718	2,205	2,972	177	2,371
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	19,326	3,264	3,097	816	18,677	19,493	11,060	2,471	3,928	-217	2,251
Dec. qtr	21,673	3,222	3,130	1,566	20,199	21,765	11,799	2,908	4,945	-167	2,280

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

1975-76 -											
Sept. qtr	16,138	2,559	2,375	893	15,429	16,322	9,563	1,760	3,253	-153	1,899
Dec. qtr	16,981	2,611	2,491	909	16,192	17,101	10,009	1,821	3,417	-180	2,034
Mar. qtr	17,988	2,744	2,767	970	16,995	17,965	10,241	2,038	3,613	-169	2,242
June qtr	18,684	2,998	2,874	977	17,831	18,808	10,723	2,214	3,782	-192	2,281
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	19,292	3,287	2,974	981	18,624	19,605	11,104	2,438	3,910	-204	2,357
Dec. qtr	19,728	3,133	3,101	967	18,793	19,760	11,172	2,426	4,031	-153	2,284

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Reference No. 7.5). (b) Financial enterprises less imputed bank service charge.

COMPONENTS OF GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE (a)
(\$ million)

Period	Gross fixed capital expenditure										
	Final consumption expenditure		Private						Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure	
	Private	Government	Dwellings	Other building and construction	All other	Total private	Public enterprises	General government			Increase in stocks
ORIGINAL											
1973-74	29,274	6,760	2,575	1,591	3,781	7,947	2,024	1,939	1,562	1,071	50,577
1974-75	35,143	9,158	2,439	1,978	4,309	8,726	2,824	2,783	771	640	60,045
1975-76	41,543	11,540	3,236	2,032	5,055	10,323	3,144	3,255	-173	180	69,812
1975-76 -											
Sept. qtr	9,643	2,583	698	523	1,166	2,387	719	732	-441	315	15,938
Dec. qtr	10,770	2,966	763	590	1,219	2,572	800	908	764	312	19,092
Mar. qtr	10,138	2,715	831	409	1,155	2,395	654	679	147	122	16,850
June qtr	10,992	3,276	944	510	1,515	2,969	971	936	-643	-569	17,932
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	11,154	3,156	1,031	513	1,294	2,838	758	710	139	571	19,326
Dec. qtr	12,373	3,471	1,049	515	1,609	3,173	884	868	661	243	21,673
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED											
1975-76 -											
Sept. qtr	9,772	2,647	675	524	1,190	2,389	767	825	-326	64	16,138
Dec. qtr	10,161	2,829	760	524	1,154	2,438	764	841	-179	127	16,981
Mar. qtr	10,572	2,938	870	488	1,306	2,664	697	799	304	14	17,988
June qtr	11,016	3,115	937	492	1,403	2,832	902	791	32	-4	18,684
1976-77 -											
Sept. qtr	11,273	3,236	998	514	1,320	2,832	808	800	100	243	19,292
Dec. qtr	11,688	3,307	1,044	457	1,526	3,027	843	804	59	-	19,728

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Reference No. 7.5).

VALUE OF MAIN AGGREGATES AT AVERAGE 1966-67 PRICES (a)
(\$ million)

(5 million)												
Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross capital expenditure		Increase in stocks	Statistical discrepancy	Gross national expenditure	Plus exports of goods and services	Less imports of goods and services	Expenditure on domestic product	Gross farm product	Gross non-farm product
	Private	Government	Private	Public								
ORIGINAL												
1973-74	20,150	3,671	5,352	2,571	986	7.37	33,468	5,474	6,440	32,502	2,562	29,040
1974-75	20,763	3,906	4,801	2,954	561	3.82	33,367	5,860	6,524	32,703	2,803	29,900
1975-76	21,408	4,224	4,871	2,929	-121	1.07	33,419	5,987	6,191	33,215	2,983	30,231
1975-76 -												
Sept. qtr	5,271	1,019	1,191	704	233	15.9	8,111	1,418	1,506	8,022	599	7,423
Dec. qtr	5,612	1,076	1,231	796	304	15.2	9,171	1,495	1,512	9,153	1,210	7,943
Mar. qtr	5,097	991	1,113	600	87	5.7	7,945	1,523	1,543	7,925	710	7,215
June qtr	5,428	1,138	1,336	830	-279	-26.1	8,192	1,552	1,629	8,115	465	7,650
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	5,395	1,062	1,231	625	73	25.5	8,641	1,677	1,718	8,601	644	7,958
Dec. qtr	5,826	1,163	1,357	730	302	10.6	9,484	1,643	1,729	9,398	1,079	8,319
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED												
1975-76 -												
Sept. qtr	5,337	1,034	1,195	770	-137	-20	8,179	1,440	1,454	8,165	739	7,427
Dec. qtr	5,318	1,051	1,174	752	-103	15	8,207	1,467	1,502	8,172	731	7,441
Mar. qtr	5,323	1,063	1,232	669	89	5.8	8,433	1,519	1,600	8,352	761	7,590
June qtr	5,414	1,077	1,268	735	31	2.6	8,551	1,561	1,649	8,404	750	7,715
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	5,446	1,079	1,231	684	99	8.9	8,627	1,699	1,653	8,673	737	7,936
Dec. qtr	5,526	1,133	1,303	689	39	-4.6	8,644	1,619	1,711	8,552	723	7,829

(a) For concepts see *Quarterly Estimates of National Income and Expenditure* (Reference No. 7.5)

NEW MONEY RAISED BY COMPANIES IN AUSTRALIA AND BY INDUSTRY GROUP (a)
(\$ million)

This table shows the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to companies in Australia through the types of capital specified. For definitions see *New Capital Raisings by Companies in Australia* (Reference No. 5.9). Excluded are charges in bank overdraft, loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market, or deposits accepted by banks, insurance companies, pastoral companies or building societies.

Period	Companies listed on stock exchanges				Companies not listed on stock exchanges							
	Share capital	Debentures, registered notes, loans and deposits	Total		Share capital	Secured loans (b)	Total	Grand total				
			Original	Seasonally adjusted								
1973-74	265.6	1,288.9	1,554.5	..	71.9	40.8	112.7	1,667.2				
1974-75	171.1	948.6	1,119.7	..	44.0	39.8	83.8	1,203.5				
1975-76	332.3	1,094.7	1,427.0	..	44.6	13.9	58.5	1,485.5				
1975-76 -												
Sept. qtr	43.0	243.9	286.9	282.5	10.3	1.4	11.7	298.6				
Dec. qtr	64.9	295.6	360.5	287.2	9.6	10.9	20.5	381.0				
Mar. qtr	54.8	189.8	244.6	296.2	9.7	1.0	10.7	255.3				
June qtr	169.6	365.4	535.0	585.9	15.0	0.7	15.7	550.7				
1976-77												
Sept. qtr	41.4	356.3	397.7	394.8	12.5	8.8	21.3	419.0				
Dec. qtr	216.2	444.8	661.0	523.7	7.9	5.5	13.4	674.4				
Period	Manufacturing			Finance and property			Commerce			Other companies		
	Listed companies	Unlisted companies	Total	Listed companies	Unlisted companies	Total	Listed companies	Unlisted companies	Total	Listed companies	Unlisted companies	Total
1973-74	112.4	16.7	129.1	1,344.7	46.0	1,390.7	35.6	11.6	47.2	62.0	38.6	100.6
1974-75	452.4	14.9	467.3	439.7	29.5	469.2	125.2	5.0	130.2	102.5	34.5	137.0
1975-76	258.0	5.4	263.4	921.8	20.2	942.0	78.5	3.9	82.4	168.7	29.0	197.7
1975-76 -												
Sept. qtr	62.3	1.6	63.9	216.0	2.5	218.5	(c) -6.9	1.2	(c) -5.7	15.6	6.4	22.0
Dec. qtr	69.2	1.0	70.2	234.3	11.3	245.7	19.1	1.0	20.1	37.9	7.2	45.1
Mar. qtr	14.3	1.1	15.3	194.8	2.1	196.9	16.9	0.8	17.7	18.6	6.8	25.4
June qtr	112.2	1.7	113.9	276.7	4.3	281.0	49.4	0.8	50.2	96.5	8.7	105.2
1976-77 -												
Sept. qtr	14.8	0.6	15.4	363.3	10.7	374.0	4.4	2.3	6.7	15.2	7.8	23.0
Dec. qtr	100.4	2.6	103.0	516.0	3.8	519.8	5.0	0.5	5.5	39.7	6.4	46.1

(a) Holding companies are classified according to the predominant activity of the group. (b) Secured over entire assets of borrowing company. (c) Excess of repayments over receipts of new money.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Notes on issue		Accounts of trading banks						Australian Government securities			
	Held by public	Total	Statutory Reserve Deposits	Term Loan Fund	Farm Development Loan Fund	Other deposits of trading banks	Deposits of savings banks	Other liabilities (a)	Gold and foreign exchange	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other	All other assets
1973-74	1,701.1	1,958.1	1,025.9	32.5	10.5	10.6	1,311.2	1,209.5	3,767.7	72.2	730.2	1,221.6
1974-75	2,061.9	2,373.9	462.2	22.9	19.8	9.7	1,056.9	1,200.3	3,110.9	146.5	1,041.4	1,094.5
1975-76	2,417.7	2,762.5	909.0	17.0	14.7	9.9	1,089.9	747.8	2,778.7	1,290.4	906.6	826.2
1975-76 —												
Feb.	2,416.3	2,771.9	1,205.5	10.6	10.9	9.4	1,165.0	738.8	2,451.9	2,029.0	727.8	954.9
Mar.	2,458.7	2,827.3	1,201.6	11.3	11.3	8.8	1,144.5	679.7	2,465.1	2,032.5	762.7	875.2
Apr.	2,568.0	2,939.9	1,058.1	8.0	9.6	9.7	1,173.1	674.1	2,368.9	1,857.1	978.3	920.0
May	2,534.2	2,904.2	898.8	4.9	8.4	9.4	1,023.3	653.6	2,364.4	823.2	1,249.5	1,315.8
June	2,554.9	2,920.2	840.5	11.5	15.0	12.3	1,014.1	772.9	2,432.8	877.6	1,451.9	1,070.8
1976-77 —												
July	2,591.9	2,962.1	781.4	28.6	24.8	8.3	1,103.2	1,036.9	2,585.7	902.4	1,825.6	877.2
Aug.	2,635.7	3,004.6	790.1	36.1	28.1	6.5	1,091.2	1,097.5	2,451.1	1,259.4	1,802.5	786.4
Sept.	2,676.4	3,045.4	806.5	58.0	40.6	7.5	1,103.0	1,169.2	2,344.0	1,859.9	1,709.8	562.8
Oct.	2,688.4	3,069.0	827.0	53.0	36.3	6.1	1,167.6	1,192.1	2,261.4	1,871.0	2,015.9	450.7
Nov.	2,703.6	3,098.6	933.7	48.4	32.9	7.6	1,193.0	1,138.3	2,077.4	1,923.7	2,293.2	406.6
Dec. (b)	2,867.5	3,345.0	1,037.9	42.8	31.0	10.2	1,371.5	1,507.2	2,593.4	2,330.6	2,393.4	312.5
Jan.	2,827.4	3,252.7	1,379.2	36.3	23.9	10.4	1,293.3	1,331.0	2,942.4	1,879.3	2,290.7	490.3
Feb.	2,777.5	3,192.4	1,680.1	34.6	22.4	16.0	1,343.3	1,269.0	2,985.5	1,952.2	2,173.0	721.9
Mar.	2,794.8	3,206.0	1,861.4	27.9	20.2	7.4	1,455.3	1,273.6	2,881.4	2,122.3	2,176.2	945.1

(a) Includes Special Reserve - I.M.F. Special Drawing Rights. Excludes capital and reserves. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT: ADVANCES

Average of weekly figures	\$ million	Average of weekly figures	\$ million
1973-74	217.1	1976-77 —	
1974-75	200.2	July	183.6
1975-76	258.5	Aug.	204.1
		Sept.	123.6
1975-76 —		Oct.	111.8
Feb.	467.6	Nov.	105.7
Mar.	453.9	Dec. (a)	123.1
Apr.	407.1	Jan.	263.6
May	324.2	Feb.	504.3
June	208.9	Mar.	643.3

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA : ADVANCES
(\$ million)

<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Average of weekly figures</i>	<i>Hire purchase</i>	<i>Other</i>
1973-74	58.9	236.2	1976-77 -		
1974-75	63.8	262.4	July	71.7	304.3
1975-76	63.2	288.0	Aug.	70.9	305.7
			Sept.	70.5	302.9
1975-76 -			Oct.	71.4	297.8
Feb.	61.2	289.7	Nov.	74.0	295.1
Mar.	61.3	287.2	Dec. (a)	78.0	304.4
Apr.	63.7	285.9	Jan.	80.0	301.7
May	65.6	284.4	Feb.	79.2	300.7
June	68.3	301.0	Mar.	78.9	304.6

(a) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Australian and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans, advances and bills discounted (c)	
	Fixed	Current	Original	Seasonally adjusted		Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other			Original	Seasonally adjusted
1973-74	6,064	5,684	11,747	--	230.3	251.2	2,198.5	123.7	1,021.0	8,066	--
1974-75	7,260	5,449	12,709	--	274.6	752.6	2,118.4	143.7	455.8	9,348	--
1975-76	8,585	6,547	15,132	--	311.5	658.2	3,079.4	120.5	895.9	10,344	--
1975-76 -											
Feb.	8,653	6,883	15,536	14,836	315.0	568.9	3,452.9	138.6	1,188.2	10,169	10,388
Mar.	8,789	7,081	15,870	15,264	322.5	641.4	3,413.0	197.9	1,182.9	10,306	10,483
Apr.	8,849	6,929	15,779	15,450	333.3	426.1	3,361.0	121.3	1,041.1	10,795	10,639
May	8,790	6,558	15,348	15,561	326.8	241.9	3,242.5	126.4	884.9	10,951	10,738
June	8,705	6,680	15,385	15,941	325.2	169.4	3,183.5	122.7	827.5	11,017	10,835
1976-77 -											
July	9,073	6,541	15,614	16,301	331.0	144.2	3,428.9	157.7	769.1	11,123	10,960
Aug.	9,405	6,553	15,958	16,607	325.3	79.5	3,627.4	123.6	777.8	11,231	11,217
Sept.	9,769	6,687	16,456	16,856	321.3	162.2	3,687.2	111.5	794.5	11,369	11,426
Oct.	10,146	6,685	16,831	16,991	335.1	332.1	3,639.4	121.4	815.5	11,791	11,723
Nov.	10,306	6,821	17,127	17,194	349.6	440.9	3,608.6	165.0	920.7	11,787	11,897
Dec. (d)	10,396	7,312	17,708	17,339	428.0	646.8	3,711.5	205.7	1,023.2	11,741	11,904
Jan.	10,655	7,367	18,022	17,375	380.6	1,190.4	3,696.5	140.5	1,362.2	11,578	11,664
Feb.	11,024	7,489	18,514	17,654	373.6	1,462.5	3,752.4	165.9	1,659.9	11,288	11,530
Mar.	11,149	7,479	18,629	17,893	359.5	1,500.9	3,792.0	97.2	1,841.5	11,425	11,622

(a) Commonwealth Trading Bank, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd. The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd, The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd, and The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(per cent)

Average of weekly figures	Liquid assets and Australian Government securities				Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans advances and bills discounted (c)	Deposits not bearing interest
	Cash and cash at Reserve Bank	Treasury bills and Treasury notes	Other Australian and State Government securities	Total			
1973-74	2.0	2.1	18.7	22.8	8.7	68.7	44.2
1974-75	2.2	5.9	16.7	24.8	3.6	73.6	38.6
1975-76	2.1	4.4	20.4	26.8	5.9	68.4	38.5
1975-76 -							
Feb.	2.0	3.7	22.2	27.9	7.7	65.5	39.8
Mar.	2.0	4.0	21.5	27.6	7.5	64.9	40.1
Apr.	2.1	2.7	21.3	26.1	6.6	68.4	39.5
May	2.1	1.6	21.1	24.8	5.8	71.4	38.3
June	2.1	1.1	20.7	23.9	5.4	71.6	38.5
1976-77 -							
July	2.1	0.9	22.0	25.0	4.9	71.2	37.3
Aug.	2.0	0.5	22.7	25.3	4.9	70.4	36.6
Sept.	2.0	1.0	22.4	25.3	4.8	69.1	36.3
Oct.	2.0	2.0	21.6	25.6	4.9	70.1	35.5
Nov.	2.0	2.6	21.1	25.7	5.4	68.8	35.8
Dec. (d)	2.4	3.7	21.0	27.0	5.8	66.3	37.2
Jan.	2.1	6.6	20.5	29.2	7.6	64.2	36.7
Feb.	2.0	7.9	20.3	30.2	9.0	61.0	36.3
Mar.	1.9	8.1	20.4	30.3	9.9	61.3	36.1

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes loans to authorised dealers in the short-term money market. (d) Excludes one Wednesday.

MAJOR TRADING BANKS (a) : NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS AND OVERDRAFT LIMITS
(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)
(\$ million)

New and increased lending commitments (b)							
Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of	Term loan approvals	Farm development loan approvals	Overdraft (c)			Aggregate approvals	Overdraft limits outstanding (c) (end of period)
			Gross approvals	Cancellations and reductions (d)	Net movement in limits		
Year to July -							
1974	7.4	1.5	82.9	63.4	19.5	91.8	10,439.4
1975	6.6	1.3	82.9	53.5	29.4	90.8	11,968.4
1976	6.1	2.0	95.9	66.6	29.3	104.1	13,523.3
1975-76 -							
Feb.	2.9	2.0	91.6	75.0	16.6	96.5	12,712.6
Mar.	9.9	2.6	106.9	79.0	27.9	119.4	12,824.2
Apr.	5.0	2.7	113.3	49.7	63.5	121.0	13,141.9
May	3.3	2.3	100.1	57.5	42.6	105.7	13,312.1
June	5.5	1.8	102.5	77.9	24.5	109.8	13,410.3
1976-77 -							
July	7.6	2.0	101.1	78.5	22.6	110.7	13,523.3
Aug.	5.8	2.4	93.0	74.7	18.2	101.2	13,596.2
Sept.	2.7	2.5	100.7	75.7	25.0	106.0	13,696.3
Oct.	4.7	2.6	97.9	62.9	35.0	105.2	13,871.4
Nov.	5.5	3.1	108.7	75.1	33.6	117.2	14,005.7
Dec.	11.2	2.9	101.9	65.1	36.8	116.0	14,153.0
Jan.	7.5	2.9	89.4	68.0	21.4	99.9	14,259.9
Feb.	5.9	2.4	85.2	84.6	0.7	94.5	14,262.5
Mar.	7.9	3.0	89.6	72.4	17.2	100.5	14,331.3

(a) See footnote (a) on page 39. (b) Excludes commitments in respect of temporary advances to woolbuyers and informal arrangements entered into, mainly with other financial institutions for meeting temporary needs. Includes commitments not subject to maximum overdraft rate. (c) Excludes commitments in respect of term loans and farm development loans. (d) Derived by subtracting weekly average of change in overdraft limits outstanding from gross approvals. Figures are approximations only due to unavoidable differences in the basis of compilation of the two series.

ALL TRADING BANKS (a) : SELECTED LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (b)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	Deposits				Coin, bullion, notes and cash with Reserve Bank	Australian and State Government securities		Loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market	Statutory reserve deposit account with Reserve Bank	Loans (other than loans to authorised dealers in the short- term money market), advances and bills discounted
	Fixed	Current		Treasury bills and Treasury notes		Other				
		Bearing interest	Not bearing interest				Total			
1973-74	6,543.2	622.9	5,470.4	12,636.5	244.5	259.7	2,410.3	154.6	1,025.9	8,969.5
1974-75	8,004.8	682.0	5,185.8	13,872.5	291.3	780.8	2,268.0	187.1	462.2	10,629.6
1975-76	9,587.2	861.4	6,160.7	16,609.4	330.4	699.4	3,285.1	157.5	909.0	11,793.2
1975-76 -										
Feb.	9,707.6	846.6	6,551.8	17,106.0	333.3	623.4	3,688.8	176.6	1,205.5	11,661.3
Mar.	9,856.1	855.7	6,742.2	17,453.9	341.4	686.5	3,651.2	232.7	1,201.6	11,810.5
Apr.	9,923.9	831.1	6,602.5	17,357.6	352.4	453.2	3,595.3	147.4	1,058.1	12,350.2
May	9,860.1	815.0	6,219.0	16,894.2	347.3	262.3	3,473.1	150.2	898.8	12,497.3
June	9,775.4	930.0	6,250.9	16,956.3	345.6	191.0	3,410.9	182.3	840.5	12,559.5
1976-77 -										
July	10,235.9	872.7	6,147.4	17,256.0	350.4	164.0	3,664.1	198.7	781.4	12,722.4
Aug.	10,603.5	864.1	6,172.8	17,640.3	345.5	97.7	3,864.3	155.8	790.1	12,857.8
Sept.	10,968.6	873.3	6,315.4	18,157.2	341.5	184.3	3,927.6	156.8	806.5	12,995.1
Oct.	11,385.9	867.9	6,327.4	18,581.2	355.6	347.5	3,884.1	154.7	827.0	13,480.5
Nov.	11,575.9	864.7	6,487.2	18,927.8	371.5	462.4	3,850.4	203.2	933.7	13,504.6
Dec. (c)	11,649.3	908.1	6,974.4	19,531.8	467.6	689.4	3,946.1	247.0	1,037.9	13,440.1
Jan.	11,938.8	925.7	7,021.4	19,886.0	405.9	1,278.6	3,932.5	182.8	1,379.2	13,295.3
Feb.	12,311.1	955.5	7,139.8	20,406.3	397.4	1,562.4	3,994.2	208.0	1,680.1	13,013.5
Mar.	12,451.5	935.8	7,149.0	20,536.4	382.8	1,601.3	4,037.5	121.8	1,861.4	13,185.7

(a) Covers the major trading banks, and in addition Bank of New Zealand, Bank of Queensland Limited, Banque Nationale de Paris, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, State Bank of South Australia and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) Includes External Territories. (c) Excludes one Wednesday.

ALL TRADING BANKS : DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (a)
(Excluding debits to Australian Government Accounts at city branches in State capitals)
(\$ million)

Average of weekly figures	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total
1973-74	3,397.5	2,642.5	753.4	414.6	439.4	103.0	19.3	73.9	7,343.7
1974-75	3,805.9	2,898.8	817.9	456.6	515.9	119.4	22.7	78.6	8,715.6
1975-76	4,462.0	3,808.0	1,027.4	578.0	680.0	150.2	27.8	118.1	10,851.5
1975-76 -									
Feb.	4,713.2	3,806.4	1,017.3	614.6	678.4	145.3	25.4	106.4	11,106.9
Mar.	4,483.2	3,911.6	1,051.6	597.6	729.7	157.4	28.4	112.6	11,072.0
Apr.	4,496.3	3,763.8	1,090.1	598.1	694.0	156.3	26.1	122.0	10,946.7
May	5,025.6	4,256.8	1,189.9	645.9	770.5	167.7	30.3	122.2	12,208.9
June	5,079.1	4,442.3	1,209.5	676.9	756.5	173.8	32.8	152.4	12,523.2
1976-77 -									
July	4,621.9	4,110.2	1,157.9	629.9	750.9	169.7	33.6	118.1	11,592.2
Aug.	4,913.0	4,161.6	1,118.0	618.7	714.8	164.1	31.1	112.3	11,833.6
Sept.	5,009.5	4,223.1	1,193.9	621.2	729.4	168.4	41.1	115.8	12,102.3
Oct.	4,733.5	4,252.4	1,195.4	619.4	772.6	171.9	32.4	114.0	11,891.6
Nov.	5,219.0	4,654.7	1,210.4	713.5	787.9	185.6	33.1	137.2	12,941.5
Dec.	5,409.9	4,818.6	1,259.8	736.5	855.2	202.1	66.8	172.7	13,521.7
Jan.	4,997.5	4,476.7	1,209.0	652.1	834.0	160.5	25.3	164.5	12,519.4
Feb.	5,004.6	4,407.4	1,197.5	704.6	836.2	171.5	28.4	143.8	12,494.0
Mar.	5,362.4	4,760.4	1,204.6	725.4	855.2	185.8	29.0	134.3	13,257.0

(a) Includes the banks listed in footnote (a) above, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA (a)
(£ million)

At end of -	Coin, bullion and notes	Deposits with Reserve Bank	Deposits with trading banks	Australian and State Government securities (b)	Local and semi-government securities	Loans to authorised dealer- in the short-term money market	Loans, advances and bills discounted	
							Housing	Other
June 1973	23.0	1,326.0	226.0	2,808.8	2,437.4	124.0	3,047.2	310.0
June 1974	27.3	1,052.7	230.3	2,940.6	2,830.3	51.9	3,672.8	513.3
June 1975	32.6	907.6	391.0	2,962.1	(c)3,285.2	80.2	4,717.4	(c)573.6
1975-76 -								
Jan.	37.5	1,186.6	352.9	3,100.3	3,744.1	37.6	5,436.7	597.1
Feb.	38.1	1,140.9	343.3	3,062.5	3,790.8	62.4	5,525.2	616.0
Mar.	37.8	1,163.6	294.8	3,159.5	3,837.1	60.2	5,711.5	628.2
Apr.	36.4	1,136.9	293.9	2,969.6	3,854.7	37.3	5,816.1	685.8
May	39.1	1,005.7	270.1	2,998.1	3,870.1	49.9	5,919.4	707.4
June	40.4	1,053.8	266.2	2,824.7	3,893.6	70.1	6,049.7	695.3
1976-77 -								
July	36.4	1,111.2	261.0	2,833.5	3,898.3	108.3	6,145.3	717.5
Aug.	38.8	1,082.8	285.8	2,917.9	3,972.0	121.9	6,232.9	722.4
Sept.	33.5	1,126.2	359.4	3,015.8	4,047.9	60.8	6,405.5	717.8
Oct.	32.8	1,172.2	287.6	3,052.4	4,112.8	73.4	6,490.2	749.3
Nov.	50.4	1,216.5	256.9	3,035.6	4,195.0	50.7	6,582.8	739.2
Dec.	52.8	1,426.5	241.5	2,750.1	4,273.4	61.3	6,725.7	757.6
Jan.	38.9	1,306.9	240.0	2,913.4	4,302.7	26.7	6,769.7	708.1
Feb.	45.7	1,381.9	224.7	2,975.7	4,344.5	36.2	6,843.6	729.5

(a) Includes External Territories. (b) Includes Treasury bills and Treasury notes. (c) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

SAVINGS BANKS : DEPOSITORS' BALANCES
(£ million)

At end of	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
									Original (a)	Seasonally adjusted
June 1973	3,294.3	3,538.8	1,319.9	1,060.4	608.1	289.0	37.9	89.5	10,237.9	10,246.0
June 1974	3,503.7	3,930.1	1,428.4	1,174.8	685.0	328.0	45.1	100.4	11,195.6	11,216.5
June 1975	3,835.9	(b)4,668.5	1,618.2	1,394.6	779.4	382.3	71.4	118.2	(b)12,868.5	(b)12,891.2
1975-76 -										
Jan.	4,160.9	5,153.0	1,773.6	1,557.7	860.9	413.0	74.2	128.6	14,121.8	14,106.1
Feb.	4,154.1	5,208.9	1,791.0	1,578.3	875.2	417.9	74.4	128.5	14,228.3	14,233.3
Mar.	4,175.9	5,214.3	1,880.8	1,576.8	880.0	424.4	74.9	127.7	14,354.9	14,403.6
Apr.	4,183.1	5,183.7	1,864.3	1,565.5	873.1	423.3	74.0	126.9	14,294.0	14,517.3
May	4,248.7	5,245.3	1,889.3	1,573.6	881.2	425.9	74.2	129.2	14,467.4	14,680.1
June	4,348.9	5,377.6	1,940.3	1,617.3	897.7	430.6	76.3	133.8	14,822.5	14,828.0
1976-77 -										
July	4,390.7	5,442.1	1,968.0	1,634.3	906.9	435.6	75.3	132.8	14,985.8	15,022.0
Aug.	4,456.0	5,511.0	2,001.6	1,653.8	922.1	444.7	77.2	134.6	15,201.1	15,185.5
Sept.	4,536.6	5,627.1	2,045.9	1,676.0	944.4	453.4	78.6	138.9	15,501.0	15,348.1
Oct.	4,571.8	5,698.6	2,056.6	1,686.0	943.5	456.0	78.6	138.0	15,629.1	15,462.4
Nov.	4,584.1	5,735.3	2,065.9	1,695.9	945.4	457.2	77.7	138.5	15,700.0	15,566.9
Dec.	4,606.0	5,810.1	2,076.5	1,719.4	948.9	457.9	76.5	138.5	15,833.8	15,757.7
Jan.	4,622.2	5,795.1	2,073.7	1,728.1	953.6	461.0	74.7	136.7	15,845.1	15,828.5
Feb.	4,678.9	5,897.0	2,101.8	1,760.5	965.1	471.5	75.5	140.0	16,090.3	16,050.2

(a) Interest added 1972-73, \$315.8m; 1973-74, \$404.0m; 1974-75, \$513.9m; 1975-76, \$613.4m. (b) Data from June 1975 have been revised to reflect a change in accounting procedures by one bank.

The following series of statistics cover the main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, including instalment credit for retail sales, personal loans, wholesale finance, factoring, other consumer and commercial loans, leasing and bills of exchange. Definitions of items and information on the relationship of this series with the finance companies series prior to July 1973 are contained in the annual bulletin *Finance Companies Assets, Liabilities, Income and Expenditure 1970-71 to 1974-75* (Reference No. 5.40). More detailed statistics are also contained in the monthly bulletin *Finance Companies* (Reference No. 5.14) and a further dissection of "amount financed" by purpose of loan for instalment credit for retail sales provided by finance companies is given in the monthly bulletin *Instalment Credit for Retail Sales* (Reference No. 5.46).

FINANCE COMPANIES : AMOUNT FINANCED CLASSIFIED BY FINANCE AGREEMENT
(£ million)

Period	Instalment credit for retail sales	Personal loans (a)	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Other consumer and commercial loans					Total amount financed
					Finance for housing			Other commercial loans		
					Purchase of existing housing	Construction of housing (b)	Purchase of individual residential blocks of land	Construction other than housing	Other purposes (c)	
AUSTRALIA										
1973-74	1,146.2	341.5	1,845.6	152.0	544.8	671.4	273.9	439.1	1,842.2	7,256.9
1974-75	1,154.5	335.5	2,143.5	183.2	179.1	304.6	90.2	299.0	1,031.8	5,721.3
1975-76	1,394.4	508.9	2,873.6	237.4	418.1	439.4	132.4	421.8	1,222.4	7,648.6
1975-76 -										
Jan.	104.4	35.6	160.1	12.0	21.8	21.5	8.4	33.7	73.2	470.6
Feb.	106.0	39.2	222.2	19.1	31.5	33.0	10.6	30.6	94.8	587.0
Mar.	127.8	50.5	288.3	23.3	43.9	42.0	11.4	31.0	103.9	721.9
Apr.	124.2	43.7	258.2	21.2	45.4	43.1	11.8	28.9	123.0	699.5
May	126.4	47.4	298.0	20.4	45.8	45.1	11.6	41.9	118.3	754.9
June	132.4	50.7	288.8	19.8	54.5	51.5	14.4	39.2	143.0	794.4
1976-77 -										
July	130.7	47.9	289.8	17.7	47.2	53.7	14.7	51.4	132.4	785.5
Aug.	124.7	48.3	299.0	20.5	47.6	47.3	13.1	40.2	91.8	732.6
Sept.	128.2	49.5	322.9	21.7	38.3	47.4	13.5	43.0	104.5	768.9
Oct.	130.7	53.5	304.4	20.7	40.7	47.2	15.1	40.9	121.8	818.0
Nov.	135.8	61.8	331.4	22.8	42.2	47.1	14.2	44.7	119.0	825.1
Dec.	144.7	55.7	368.0	23.2	56.1	53.7	16.3	57.4	121.0	896.1
Jan.	111.2	41.1	251.4	11.8	32.6	25.6	9.7	33.0	81.3	597.7
Feb.	118.4	50.0	297.0	20.8	39.3	37.0	12.9	42.8	99.0	717.2
STATES - JANUARY 1977										
N.S.W.	37.6	17.0	87.2	5.0	11.2	7.5	1.4	14.1	30.6	211.6
Vic.	24.6	11.7	59.5	5.1	5.5	6.1	1.6	8.3	19.7	142.0
Qld	18.3	6.1	37.3	(d)	6.2	3.4	4.1	4.5	12.1	92.0
S.A.	11.1	(e)2.9	(e)27.0	(d)	5.5	4.4	1.1	0.6	5.1	56.3
W.A.	11.9	1.6	33.0	(d)	3.5	2.5	1.4	3.6	8.2	65.6
Tas.	4.5	0.7	6.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.0
N.T.	0.8	(e)	(e)	--	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3	2.3	3.1
A.C.T.	2.5	1.1	2.6	--	0.5	1.3	--	1.6	3.4	12.9
STATES - FEBRUARY 1977										
N.S.W.	40.4	19.5	100.0	7.3	10.9	8.1	3.6	9.7	30.3	229.9
Vic.	26.2	14.8	75.9	10.7	9.7	11.2	1.8	19.9	37.8	207.9
Qld	18.6	7.1	45.8	(d)	6.4	4.8	4.1	4.5	12.4	103.8
S.A.	12.2	(e)3.7	(e)33.5	(d)	6.3	7.1	1.7	1.2	5.2	69.4
W.A.	12.4	2.4	34.9	(d)	4.8	3.5	1.5	5.3	10.3	75.2
Tas.	4.8	0.9	7.8	--	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	2.5	16.3
N.T.	1.1	(e)	(e)	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.5
A.C.T.	2.7	1.5	1.9	--	0.7	1.9	0.1	2.0	0.5	11.8

(a) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost less than \$10,000 to existing dwelling units. (b) Includes loans to persons for alterations or additions estimated to cost \$10,000 or more to existing dwelling units. (c) Includes loans for the purpose of developing tracts of land into residential blocks. (d) Not available separately, included in "wholesale finance". (e) Northern Territories included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : BALANCES OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED BY FINANCE AGREEMENT
(\$ million)

At end of —	Installment credit for retail sales	Personal loans	Wholesale finance	Factoring	Other consumer and commercial loans				Total all contracts
					Finance for housing		Other commercial loans		
					Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	Contracts including charges	Contracts excluding charges	
AUSTRALIA									
1973-74	1,761.9	524.0	284.4	41.0	1,437.9	1,006.1	712.1	2,070.8	7,838.1
1974-75	1,922.0	579.7	357.7	45.1	1,260.3	981.4	715.7	2,242.8	8,104.8
1975-76	2,255.2	779.2	588.7	51.3	1,368.4	1,021.5	948.1	2,222.9	9,235.3
1975-76 —									
Jan.	2,091.3	690.1	500.9	47.3	1,263.0	917.4	790.1	2,218.3	8,518.5
Feb.	2,106.7	706.0	519.4	49.5	1,268.8	917.5	805.9	2,227.0	8,600.9
Mar.	2,140.1	724.4	533.1	53.5	1,270.6	948.1	829.1	2,198.7	8,697.5
Apr.	2,185.7	738.6	554.9	55.1	1,298.7	970.0	856.1	2,193.3	8,852.5
May	2,210.0	757.7	591.4	54.0	1,328.1	990.6	907.5	2,209.5	9,048.7
June	2,255.2	779.2	588.7	51.3	1,368.4	1,021.5	948.1	2,222.9	9,235.3
1976-77 —									
July	2,297.7	795.2	604.0	48.6	1,410.8	1,027.7	971.2	2,235.7	9,390.8
Aug.	2,329.0	813.1	661.6	52.8	1,439.6	1,043.5	986.7	2,244.4	9,570.8
Sept.	2,362.6	831.2	709.2	56.2	1,459.6	1,058.7	1,000.3	2,278.9	9,756.7
Oct.	2,401.2	857.4	759.8	58.6	1,479.3	1,074.0	1,005.0	2,312.1	9,947.2
Nov.	2,438.2	889.6	787.9	58.3	1,486.6	1,085.5	1,033.7	2,340.6	10,120.2
Dec.	2,491.7	912.8	808.9	59.2	1,517.6	1,090.1	1,059.4	2,348.8	10,288.4
Jan.	2,520.9	924.5	784.1	51.6	1,532.5	1,096.0	1,073.1	2,303.4	10,286.0
Feb.	2,541.6	942.3	804.3	52.7	1,555.2	1,106.0	1,057.6	2,356.8	10,416.6
STATES — JANUARY 1977									
N.S.W.	889.4	387.8	253.2	18.9	443.5	425.6	362.9	1,136.6	3,917.8
Vic.	547.0	289.1	211.3	25.5	297.0	305.9	243.6	692.3	2,611.6
Qld	439.3	113.5	125.2	(a)	443.2	148.1	199.3	272.0	1,740.7
S.A. (b)	257.5	71.7	76.5	(a)	202.3	103.3	87.7	45.0	843.9
W.A.	233.3	31.2	103.1	(a)	92.9	65.9	128.5	84.0	738.9
Tas.	90.8	7.5	15.5	(a)	2.1	9.6	26.2	6.4	158.2
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	--	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	63.7	23.7	6.4	--	51.6	37.7	24.8	67.1	274.9
STATES — FEBRUARY 1977									
N.S.W.	894.3	394.4	258.3	18.1	441.9	430.3	335.6	1,170.6	3,943.5
Vic.	553.4	293.4	215.4	27.3	303.0	308.6	251.9	708.4	2,661.5
Qld	442.9	117.4	131.0	(a)	451.2	148.2	201.5	273.8	1,766.0
S.A. (b)	259.2	72.7	77.4	(a)	207.1	104.6	90.2	45.6	856.9
W.A.	236.1	32.5	106.7	(a)	97.0	67.2	127.7	83.9	751.1
Tas.	92.0	8.3	16.0	(a)	2.1	9.8	26.8	6.8	161.9
N.T.	(b)	(b)	(b)	--	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
A.C.T.	63.7	23.7	6.9	--	52.7	37.3	23.9	67.7	275.8

(a) Not available separately; included in 'wholesale finance'. (b) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

FINANCE COMPANIES : OTHER TRANSACTIONS
(£ million)

Period	<i>Leasing of business plant and equipment</i>		<i>Bills of exchange</i>			<i>Liquidity placements</i>	<i>Loans to non finance companies in group</i>
	<i>Value of goods newly leased during period</i>	<i>Value of all leasing agreements at end of period</i>	<i>Amounts paid for bills acquired during period</i>	<i>Amounts received for bills disposed of during period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>	<i>Balances outstanding at end of period</i>
AUSTRALIA							
1973-74	668.2	1,234.9	2,105.5	2,013.7	410.5	190.1	142.1
1974-75	586.2	1,430.0	3,578.8	3,516.0	547.8	471.2	197.9
1975-76	1,016.4	1,920.6	4,179.1	4,056.8	658.6	339.6	267.9
1975-76 -							
Jan.	62.7	1,684.9	295.9	296.5	549.7	496.1	257.3
Feb.	70.6	1,710.2	421.0	374.3	596.6	447.0	296.1
Mar.	89.5	1,751.4	429.4	339.7	686.6	393.7	272.4
Apr.	82.2	1,780.8	367.0	353.8	700.0	334.9	248.1
May	105.0	1,838.0	328.2	372.0	656.4	249.1	262.0
June	125.0	1,920.6	390.5	388.1	658.6	339.6	267.9
1976-77 -							
July	100.4	1,957.3	391.3	386.2	663.8	329.2	222.1
Aug.	92.9	2,005.8	424.3	395.5	692.8	383.1	219.7
Sept.	105.0	2,073.3	393.3	416.4	670.0	398.2	252.1
Oct.	106.7	2,113.7	379.9	358.7	688.0	425.0	260.1
Nov.	115.9	2,190.2	381.6	334.9	729.8	452.9	264.5
Dec.	144.1	2,261.2	343.8	370.5	703.5	488.6	271.9
Jan.	95.4	2,328.2	341.3	333.0	724.4	508.1	227.5
Feb.	111.2	2,457.6	560.8	615.9	688.6	533.4	251.5
STATES - JANUARY 1977							
N.S.W.	35.4	721.0					
Vic.	23.8	746.6					
Qld	16.0	401.0					
S.A. (a)	8.2	198.7					
W.A.	8.6	180.4					Not available
Tas.	2.0	42.5					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	1.4	37.9					
STATES - 1 FEBRUARY 1977							
N.S.W.	36.8	760.8					
Vic.	32.0	762.1					
Qld	19.7	419.8					
S.A. (a)	9.9	204.6					
W.A.	8.6	227.5					Not available
Tas.	2.1	43.8					
N.T.	(a)	(a)					
A.C.T.	2.0	39.1					

(a) Northern Territory included in South Australia.

Commencing with October 1975 several changes have been made to the series on permanent building societies. These are: (i) the adoption of size criteria, and (ii) changes in definitions and data items. As a result of these changes no strict comparability exists between the two series. For further details on the break in series see the October, November and December 1975 issue of the bulletin *Housing finance for Owner Occupation - Permanent Building Societies* (Reference No. 5.58).

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : LOANS APPROVED DURING MONTH (\$'000)

Period	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of newly erected dwellings	To individuals for		Total	Alterations and additions	Other purposes
			Purchase of established dwellings				
AUSTRALIA							
1975-76 —							
Jan.	19,561	20,035	93,608	133,204	2,206	5,480	
Feb.	17,132	19,139	90,815	127,086	2,424	6,482	
Mar.	19,775	17,169	85,681	122,625	1,987	7,004	
Apr.	13,374	14,283	61,290	88,947	1,865	3,075	
May	17,629	13,050	60,137	90,816	1,806	3,651	
June	13,377	14,747	54,026	82,150	1,861	4,788	
1976-77 —							
July	15,987	17,716	61,808	95,511	2,088	3,092	
Aug.	17,569	21,848	71,073	110,490	2,345	3,011	
Sept.	18,192	23,014	87,242	128,448	2,520	5,591	
Oct.	17,279	25,138	90,896	133,313	2,370	7,444	
Nov.	17,369	30,897	101,940	150,206	3,023	4,792	
Dec.	17,013	24,000	90,679	131,692	1,913	6,865	
Jan.	14,911	20,183	76,189	111,283	1,821	4,018	
Feb.	15,714	22,947	94,263	132,924	2,117	5,790	
STATIS - FEBRUARY 1977							
N.S.W.	3,379	8,272	40,867	52,518	526	1,132	
Vic.	1,452	5,985	19,913	27,350	330	485	
Qld	2,044	2,147	9,247	13,438	309	181	
S.A.	514	1,021	4,654	6,189	288	569	
W.A.	7,935	4,375	15,786	28,096	334	3,095	
Tas.	219	156	2,618	2,993	163	328	
A.C.T. and N.T.	171	991	1,178	2,340	167	..	

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES : SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS (\$'000)

Period	Loans advanced during month to individuals	Cancellations during month of loans previously approved to individuals	Loans approved but not advanced at end of month to individuals	Amount owing by borrowers at end of month	Paid-up share capital at end of month	Other borrowings by Societies at end of month	
						Unsecured	Secured
AUSTRALIA							
1975-76							
Jan.	110,876	7,471	326,677	3,743,314	3,827,031	971,314	157,741
Feb.	135,576	9,537	311,541	3,841,311	3,773,037	989,724	173,101
Mar.	142,689	8,253	286,344	3,931,425	3,607,324	981,864	184,222
Apr.	117,431	6,800	253,908	4,001,722	3,614,272	967,157	202,301
May	108,636	5,495	232,399	4,062,524	3,663,681	956,520	199,647
June	99,886	6,128	210,447	4,116,074	3,709,341	971,305	208,054
1976-77							
July	88,514	5,668	215,690	4,167,472	3,826,805	1,016,146	194,820
Aug.	93,624	4,606	230,295	4,217,783	3,942,623	1,051,910	186,535
Sept.	107,200	6,129	247,934	4,279,806	4,060,128	1,090,203	184,232
Oct.	114,739	5,188	263,740	4,352,957	4,163,329	1,140,303	184,271
Nov.	127,398	6,812	282,859	4,436,152	4,272,038	1,165,620	191,830
Dec.	154,471	5,734	256,407	4,534,013	4,384,369	1,238,686	187,534
Jan.	88,589	5,403	275,362	4,594,606	4,475,971	1,275,864	187,261
Feb.	120,205	7,800	282,398	4,671,893	4,551,514	1,308,217	191,701
STATS - FEBRUARY 1977							
N.S.W.	47,707	3,440	142,002	1,829,943	2,426,194	13,387	53,650
Vic.	28,487	1,170	48,535	867,167	269,828	817,604	11,700
Qld	12,071	621	19,946	723,429	827,503	22,389	11,345
S.A.	4,994	186	8,347	185,597	225,560	7,844	16,965
W.A.	22,207	1,504	51,592	840,644	620,951	378,134	67,040
Tas.	2,788	751	5,257	98,295	85,900	45,335	488
A.C.T. and N.T.	1,951	128	6,719	126,818	95,578	23,524	30,513

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : NEW POLICIES ISSUED, PREMIUMS RECEIVED AND CLAIMS, ETC., PAID

Period	New policies issued (excluding annuities (a))						Premiums received (b)			Claims, etc. paid (c)			New loans paid over (e)
	Ordinary business		Industrial business		Superannuation business (d)		Ordinary		Superannuation (d)	Ordinary		Superannuation (d)	
	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	Number	Sum insured	
	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	'000	\$m	
1973-74	515.9	6,624.7	100.2	232.6	79.3	4,474.9	693.8	56.7	395.6	353.7	43.4	205.2	285.7
1974-75	492.8	7,285.6	72.7	199.4	104.0	6,233.0	743.4	57.7	512.1	468.6	48.6	258.5	279.6
1975-76	467.3	8,383.9	60.2	192.9	120.4	7,461.1	791.6	56.7	617.5	491.7	50.5	329.2	204.0
1975-76													
Dec.	42.3	754.6	3.2	10.5	12.1	944.8	65.4	7.1	52.0	37.8	3.9	33.6	17.3
Jan.	24.2	446.2	1.3	4.2	5.7	338.5	53.7	1.2	47.5	28.5	2.3	22.5	9.5
Feb.	31.2	544.7	4.5	14.0	6.9	354.7	56.1	4.1	53.0	35.2	3.7	22.2	13.1
Mar.	41.1	709.7	6.4	21.1	10.7	494.9	67.7	4.9	51.2	41.6	4.5	27.2	16.0
Apr.	36.5	660.6	4.4	14.7	9.2	467.0	59.7	4.6	52.9	37.6	4.3	21.2	17.0
May	38.7	740.0	6.8	22.7	9.5	548.4	66.5	5.3	57.5	44.0	4.7	20.5	21.4
June	44.7	861.8	5.9	19.3	11.5	816.3	104.0	4.8	63.3	53.3	4.5	31.1	22.8
1976-77													
July	42.3	778.7	5.8	19.8	11.5	798.1	77.1	5.3	55.4	50.5	5.0	44.2	21.9
Aug.	42.7	825.3	6.5	23.5	11.3	619.5	64.7	4.8	51.6	45.7	4.9	30.2	20.7
Sept.	42.5	918.6	5.0	18.0	11.5	1,088.0	62.2	4.8	61.6	47.8	4.9	38.7	17.4
Oct.	41.2	833.9	4.4	16.8	9.6	716.7	58.4	4.1	50.0	40.1	4.9	23.2	28.7
Nov.	45.0	980.5	4.7	17.1	9.9	842.1	62.3	5.7	49.0	44.0	4.9	29.4	19.6
Dec.	40.1	1,006.9	1.7	6.2	13.2	1,105.9	63.9	7.3	51.5	45.0	3.9	34.0	23.8

(a) Relates to periods during which policies were recorded in company registers, which may be subsequent to periods in which written. (b) Includes consideration for annuities. (c) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (d) Includes investment-linked superannuation business. (e) Excludes 'advances of premiums'.

LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS : SELECTED ASSETS HELD IN AUSTRALIA (a) BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (\$ million)

At end of	Fixed assets	Loans (b)				Investments			
		On mortgage		On policies		Govt. securities		Local and semi-govt. securities	
		Housing	Other incl. rural	Other	Other	Govt. securities	Local and semi-govt. securities	Debentures and notes	Shares
June 1972 (c)	1,059.3	454.5	813.5	264.3	49.8	1,537.3	602.0	635.4	1,017.8
June 1973 (c)	1,315.6	448.0	782.6	272.4	57.0	1,718.6	666.5	714.4	1,283.5
June 1974 (c)	1,562.4	474.7	803.5	282.4	70.5	1,847.7	721.6	772.9	1,403.7
1975-76									
Sept.	1,920.8	487.0	835.4	280.0	61.3	2,024.7	790.2	852.3	1,423.6
Dec.	2,004.4	491.8	835.6	276.2	62.4	2,063.6	801.6	857.4	1,484.9
Mar.	2,045.3	485.3	827.5	275.8	62.2	2,108.4	848.3	883.4	1,533.0
June	2,115.3	487.6	821.3	278.9	62.7	2,108.3	861.1	936.4	1,595.1
1976-77									
Sept.	2,196.3	492.3	804.7	276.6	69.5	2,182.8	852.9	925.6	1,651.1
Dec.	2,300.1	494.9	808.9	277.4	65.6	2,284.3	873.5	982.1	1,711.5

(a) Items shown are the balances according to the companies ledgers as at the date at which the information was supplied without adjustment for any accrued or outstanding interest or other items which had not been brought into account as at that date. (b) Excludes 'advances of premiums'. (c) Includes Papua New Guinea.

**HOUSING FINANCE : VALUE OF LOANS APPROVED TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR PURCHASE OF DWELLINGS,
BY TYPE OF LENDER - AUSTRALIA
(\$'000)**

TABLE 1										
Month	Banks		Building societies		Finance companies	Government		Credit unions	Insurance companies	Total
	Savings	Trading	Permanent	Term-lending		Housing authorities	Other			
HOUSING										
1975-76										
Jan.	152,696	51,490	114,181	6,563	15,925	22,702	1,455	969	4,344	370,325
Feb.	179,464	60,667	108,760	9,188	22,798	14,441	2,207	1,366	5,596	404,487
Mar.	194,691	70,171	108,120	9,603	31,553	22,002	2,374	1,750	8,420	448,684
Apr.	159,646	49,446	78,681	8,345	32,129	20,266	2,054	1,193	8,456	360,216
May	172,465	51,097	79,458	11,452	35,041	24,153	1,991	1,229	8,505	385,391
June	177,876	58,713	70,747	10,156	36,125	19,084	1,811	1,164	8,619	384,295
1976-77										
July	153,137	46,871	85,004	9,133	30,518	21,033	2,544	1,416	7,756	357,412
Aug.	152,370	53,341	97,728	21,822	29,470	22,828	4,124	1,387	7,803	390,873
Sept.	172,778	62,634	112,722	29,293	27,927	23,286	3,764	1,052	7,139	440,595
Oct.	163,060	55,912	118,890	20,763	26,817	19,137	3,782	1,486	6,398	416,245
Nov.	165,402	55,083	130,695	15,635	31,605	23,305	3,309	1,537	7,719	434,258
Dec.	163,303	49,779	113,500	12,586	31,228	23,486	3,018	1,527	6,892	405,319
Jan.	136,636	44,683	97,127	7,238	25,528	18,225	1,905	1,402	5,930	338,674
Feb.	156,329	47,947	116,293	11,655	30,349	20,577	3,853	1,665	8,118	396,786
OTHER DWELLINGS										
1975-76										
Jan.	11,114	4,935	19,023	646	1,706	588	168	155	217	38,552
Feb.	10,145	5,518	18,326	1,070	1,092	435	195	128	546	37,455
Mar.	12,309	4,911	14,505	1,154	1,675	1,338	201	179	824	37,096
Apr.	7,654	3,709	10,266	1,096	2,057	1,277	70	57	778	26,964
May	9,259	4,166	11,358	751	1,955	853	222	148	622	29,334
June	10,936	4,580	11,403	1,522	1,579	400	136	60	635	31,251
1976-77										
July	8,605	3,497	10,507	1,404	1,807	578	145	192	352	27,087
Aug.	10,906	4,656	12,762	1,815	1,896	817	260	130	562	33,804
Sept.	10,125	4,750	15,726	2,445	2,088	825	357	121	662	37,099
Oct.	9,300	4,425	14,423	1,959	2,097	766	190	103	296	33,559
Nov.	9,434	4,043	19,511	1,266	1,972	761	197	86	690	37,960
Dec.	9,561	3,926	18,192	909	1,591	688	105	200	472	35,644
Jan.	7,919	3,994	14,156	425	957	444	35	62	369	28,361
Feb.	8,384	3,672	16,631	1,142	1,929	710	145	183	450	33,246
TOTAL										
1975-76										
Jan.	163,810	56,425	133,204	7,209	17,631	23,290	1,623	1,124	4,561	408,877
Feb.	189,609	66,185	127,086	10,258	23,890	14,876	2,402	1,494	6,142	441,942
Mar.	207,000	75,082	122,625	10,757	33,228	23,340	2,575	1,929	9,244	485,780
Apr.	167,300	53,155	88,947	9,441	34,186	21,543	2,124	1,250	9,234	387,180
May	181,724	55,263	90,816	12,203	36,996	25,006	2,213	1,377	9,127	414,725
June	188,812	61,293	82,150	11,678	37,704	19,484	1,947	1,224	9,254	415,546
1976-77										
July	161,742	59,368	95,511	10,537	32,325	21,611	2,689	1,608	8,108	384,499
Aug.	163,276	67,997	110,490	23,637	31,366	23,645	4,384	1,517	8,365	424,677
Sept.	182,903	67,384	128,448	31,738	30,015	24,111	4,121	1,173	7,801	477,694
Oct.	172,360	60,337	133,313	22,722	28,914	19,903	3,972	1,589	6,694	449,804
Nov.	174,836	59,094	150,206	16,901	33,577	24,066	3,506	1,623	8,409	472,218
Dec.	172,864	53,705	131,692	13,495	32,819	24,174	3,123	1,727	7,364	440,963
Jan.	144,555	48,677	111,283	7,663	26,485	18,669	1,940	1,464	6,299	367,035
Feb.	164,713	51,619	132,924	12,797	32,278	21,287	3,998	1,848	8,568	430,032

SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET
SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF AUTHORISED DEALERS AND RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS
(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia)

Asset holdings (face value)													
Month	Liabilities to clients			Australian Government securities			Trading Banks' certificates of deposit	Interest rates on loans accepted during months				Weighted average interest rates on loans outstanding (a)	
	All Trading Banks	Other clients	Total	Treasury notes	Other	Total		At call		For fixed periods			
								Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.		
													per cent per annum
June 1973	149.6	670.2	819.8	111.5	620.7	732.2	40.8	79.7	2.00	8.75	2.00	7.00	4.70
June 1974	65.4	322.0	387.4	131.2	154.7	285.9	79.2	42.2	0.50	13.00	1.00	13.00	6.82
June 1975	167.4	558.7	726.1	479.2	134.1	613.3	83.7	47.9	1.50	14.10	3.00	11.50	6.72
1975-76 -													
Feb.	176.6	816.0	992.6	388.4	554.4	942.8	105.5	41.6	1.75	13.00	4.00	11.10	6.96
Mar.	232.7	828.4	1,061.1	353.6	593.6	947.2	108.5	39.8	1.00	13.00	4.00	9.50	6.54
Apr.	147.4	763.8	911.2	242.8	576.3	819.1	126.2	39.6	1.00	15.00	1.10	13.50	7.12
May	150.2	590.4	740.6	142.2	659.5	801.7	132.7	54.1	1.50	13.00	3.10	9.50	7.13
June	182.3	636.1	818.4	53.3	696.4	749.7	129.2	61.3	2.00	14.00	4.50	9.50	8.03
1976-77 -													
July	198.7	650.2	848.9	20.8	742.5	763.3	109.4	69.5	1.00	13.00	2.50	9.61	7.18
Aug.	155.8	683.2	839.0	15.3	730.5	745.8	119.4	65.3	1.25	14.50	3.00	13.00	7.76
Sept.	156.8	720.0	876.8	93.5	659.3	752.8	128.9	49.6	1.00	13.90	2.00	11.15	7.50
Oct.	154.7	711.6	866.3	283.2	460.1	743.3	116.6	32.8	1.00	14.50	2.50	12.60	6.92
Nov.	203.2	728.6	931.8	460.1	361.9	822.0	121.0	27.7	2.00	14.00	3.00	11.00	7.33
Dec. (b)	247.0	714.0	961.0	556.0	345.8	901.8	72.5	15.7	0.10	14.75	1.50	12.50	5.84
Jan.	182.8	875.6	1,058.4	623.7	412.0	1,035.7	46.5	13.6	1.00	14.90	3.10	13.10	6.94
Feb.	2,080	847.5	1,055.5	551.3	482.9	1,034.2	70.0	12.1	1.00	16.15	1.50	11.30	7.12
Mar.			954.1	388.0	506.9	894.9	85.7	10.9	1.00	17.00	3.00	13.50	7.16

(a) To June 1975, weighted average on clients' loans outstanding on each Wednesday of the month. From July 1975, weighted average of rates paid on all days of the four or five weeks ending on the last Wednesday of the month. (b) Excludes one Wednesday.

OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS (a)
(\$ million)

<i>End of period</i>	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Special Drawing Rights</i>	<i>IMF gold tranche</i>	<i>Foreign exchange</i>			<i>Total (b)</i>	
				<i>US\$</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Original</i>	<i>Seasonally adjusted</i>
June 1973	220	200	143	2,064	1,619	3,684	4,248	4,137
June 1974	210	150	149	1,852	1,199	3,051	3,560	3,471
June 1975	238	89	156	2,252	758	3,010	3,493	3,406
1975-76 -								
Feb.	239	42	155	1,528	699	2,227	2,663	2,780
Mar.	239	42	155	1,446	689	2,135	2,571	2,645
Apr.	239	42	155	1,388	678	2,067	2,503	2,553
May	240	37	155	1,398	696	2,094	2,525	2,518
June	239	37	155	1,457	688	2,145	2,576	2,512
1976-77 -								
July	238	36	154	1,570	738	2,308	2,736	2,676
Aug.	238	35	154	1,423	743	2,166	2,594	2,531
Sept.	241	36	156	1,450	750	2,199	2,632	2,619
Oct.	243	36	157	1,182	745	1,927	2,363	2,318
Nov.	293	43	189	1,267	891	2,159	2,684	2,623
Dec.	276	39	179	1,580	844	2,424	2,919	2,915
Jan.	279	39	177	1,844	837	2,681	3,174	3,287
Feb.	277	38	176	1,850	835	2,684	3,175	3,317
Mar.	276	36	175	1,680	831	2,511	2,999	3,084

(a) Up to 30 June 1974, SDR and IMF gold tranche are valued on the basis of Australia's official parity established with the IMF; subsequent figures are based on the IMF basket valuation for the SDR, which is published in terms of U.S. dollars, crossed with the representative rate for the Australian dollar in terms of the U.S. dollar. Gold is valued at the Reserve Bank buying price up to the end of January 1976; subsequently the basis of valuation is the IMF official price in SDR converted to Australian dollars at the derived SDR/\$A rate. Since June 1973, the foreign currency value of all other overseas assets has been based, where applicable, on market quotations; accrued interest is normally taken into account; figures for earlier periods are on an historical cost basis. Conversion to Australian dollar equivalent is based on market rates of exchange. (b) Changes in the value of holdings of official reserve assets reflect both balance of payment transactions and valuation effects arising from changes in the foreign currency value of these assets and from changes in exchange rates.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT SHORT-TERM DEBT AND BANK BALANCES
(£ million)

<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>End of period</i>	<i>Treasury bills</i>	<i>Treasury notes</i>	<i>Bank balances</i>	<i>Total</i>
June -					1975-76				
1973	..	424.7	944.4	519.7	June	850.0	456.5	469.4	837.1
1974	..	386.9	1,424.9	1,038.0	1976-77				
1975	..	2,076.0	766.0	1,311.0	July	900.0	177.8	164.2	913.6
1975-76					Aug.	1,500.0	261.2	71.2	1,690.0
Jan.	2,300.0	1,504.6	194.6	3,610.0	Sept.	2,050.0	570.2	281.7	2,338.5
Feb.	1,700.0	1,449.6	97.6	3,052.0	Oct.	1,850.0	1,042.7	199.9	2,692.8
Mar.	1,950.0	1,358.8	10.8	3,298.0	Nov.	2,050.0	1,266.8	171.3	3,145.5
Apr.	1,450.0	970.9	68.4	2,361.5	Dec.	2,100.0	2,103.0	279.8	3,923.2
May	550.0	729.8	107.3	1,172.5	Jan.	1,750.0	2,679.1	113.1	4,316.0
					Feb.	2,050.0	2,811.7	52.9	4,808.8

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT AND STATE FINANCE (a): CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS

NOTE: This table is based on information published in monthly statements issued by the Commonwealth Treasury and each State Treasury

(\$ million)

<i>Period</i>	<i>N.S.W. (b)</i>	<i>Vic. (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>Six States</i>	<i>Commonwealth Government</i>
REVENUE								
1973-74	1,878.5	1,361.8	853.7	612.0	567.7	206.9	5,480.6	11,975.5
1974-75	2,452.1	1,752.2	1,112.9	789.0	734.2	268.5	7,108.9	15,399.5
1975-76	2,909.1	2,155.8	1,349.5	1,037.0	950.9	322.1	8,724.4	19,712.3
1975-76								
July-Dec.	1,385.8	986.0	643.1	496.2	449.3	153.6	4,114.0	6,933.6
July-Jan.	1,598.0	1,147.5	753.8	576.1	515.9	187.0	4,778.3	8,320.5
July-Feb.	1,797.9	1,298.9	867.0	652.9	596.6	211.3	5,424.6	9,409.6
1976-77								
July-Dec.	1,618.0	1,184.0	782.0	564.0	566.1	191.5	4,905.6	7,381.3
July-Jan.	1,875.7	1,386.1	926.9	655.2	652.7	226.0	5,722.6	8,924.9
July-Feb.	2,161.3	1,563.8	1,058.0	751.0	739.5	253.5	6,527.2	10,256.2
EXPENDITURE								
1973-74	1,895.1	1,364.4	855.2	615.4	573.4	210.1	5,513.5	11,975.5
1974-75	2,492.6	1,767.3	1,121.2	780.6	743.4	282.1	7,187.2	15,399.5
1975-76	2,910.1	2,143.7	1,348.8	1,034.7	950.3	317.9	8,705.5	19,712.3
1975-76								
July-Dec.	1,400.3	998.9	640.0	478.9	445.1	161.0	4,124.2	10,369.4
July-Jan.	1,599.2	1,190.5	729.2	544.6	518.5	187.8	4,769.7	11,911.0
July-Feb.	1,807.7	1,346.6	824.7	621.0	591.3	212.1	5,403.4	13,411.0
1976-77								
July-Dec.	1,564.9	1,194.6	717.7	560.6	531.2	201.3	4,770.2	10,805.8
July-Jan.	1,809.7	1,391.1	833.8	639.0	614.6	227.9	5,516.1	12,611.7
July-Feb.	2,059.3	1,606.3	957.2	732.4	703.0	257.5	6,315.6	14,432.6

(a) Aggregates for the six States and the Commonwealth Government together, as obtained from particulars in this table, contain duplications due to State payments to the Commonwealth Government in respect of payroll tax before October 1971 and Commonwealth Government payments to the States of grants for specific and general purposes. (b) Figures for New South Wales represent combined transactions of consolidated revenue fund and trading enterprises (Public Transport Commission and Maritime Services Board) included in annual Budget papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (c) Figures for Victoria cover the Victorian Consolidated Revenue Fund excluding the Works and Services section.